



In this image released by the Middle East State News Agency, newly sworn in President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, poses for a photograph at the Supreme Constitutional Court in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, June 8, 2014. Associated Press.

Ex-military chief sworn in as Egypt's president

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CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's former military chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, winner by a landslide in last month's presidential election, was sworn into office Sunday nearly a year after he ousted the nation's first freely elected leader.

The retired field marshal called for unity and hard work, while vowing that there would be no reconciliation with those who took up arms against the government and Egyptians. That was a thinly veiled reference to supporters of Mohammed Morsi, the Islamist president el-Sissi removed last July, and Islamic militants waging attacks against the government.

"There will be reconciliation between the sons of our nation except those who had committed crimes against them or adopted violence," el-Sissi said.

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Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officers are at the scene of a shooting Sunday, June 8, 2014 in Las Vegas. Police say two suspects shot two officers at a Las Vegas pizza parlor before fatally shooting a person and turning the guns on themselves at a nearby Walmart.

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2 officers dead in Las Vegas shooting

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Two suspects shot and killed two police officers in an ambush at a Las Vegas restaurant Sunday before fatally shooting a third person and killing themselves inside a nearby Walmart, authorities said.

A man and woman walked into CiCi's Pizza and shot at point-blank range Officers Alyn Beck, 42, and Igor Soldo, 32, who were eating lunch, Las Vegas police officials said.

One of the officers was able to fire back before he died, but it's unclear if the suspects were hit, Sheriff Doug Gillespie of the Las Vegas Metro Police Department said at a news conference Sunday afternoon.

The suspects then fled to the Walmart across the street, where they fatally shot a person inside the front door and exchanged gunfire with officers before killing themselves in an apparent suicide pact, police said.

The female suspect shot the male suspect before killing herself, Gillespie said. The victim's identity hasn't been confirmed, and the suspects' names haven't been released. Both officers were taken to the hospital, but it was unclear if they died there or at the scene.

"It's a tragic day," Gillespie said. "We have a community to protect, we will do it with our heads held high." One of the suspects yelled, "This is a revolution," but the motive for the shooting remains under investigation, Las Vegas police spokesman Larry Hadfield told The Associated Press. He added that "we don't know anything about the suspects yet."

"I am devastated by the news today of two officers and an innocent bystander who were murdered in an act of senseless violence," Gov. Brian Sandoval said in a statement. "My thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families." Assistant Sheriff Kevin McMahon said the male suspect yelled "everyone get out" before shooting at Walmart. The suspects then walked to the back of the store.

Walmart employees and shoppers were taken to a nearby clothing store to be interviewed by police. The restaurant and Walmart remained closed as detectives processed evidence. McMahon said the investigation is "very complex" because it involves more than 1,000 witnesses. Walmart issued a statement saying it's working with police on the investigation. "We express our deepest condolences to everyone who has been affected by this senseless act of violence," company spokesman Brooke Buchanan said.

Guantanamo prisoners set to leave amid trade furor

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Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Some of the men held here for more than a decade have been drafting plans for work and marriage on the outside or studying languages, preparing for a not-too-distant future beyond the coiled razor wire that surrounds the U.S. prison perched at the edge of the Caribbean Sea.

Until the past week, they had good reason to believe their ticket out might be imminent, if not home then at least to another country. President Barack Obama and others in the administration say they are committed to closing the Guantanamo detention center and military officials say they can resume transfers at a moment's notice, just as they did with the May 31 swap of five Guantanamo inmates for a captured American soldier.

"All I need is the names and a country and we could do it all very, very efficiently," the commander of U.S. Southern Command, Marine Gen. John F. Kelly, said in an interview Saturday at the start of a visit to the base he oversees. But the current furor over the trade of the five Taliban prisoners for American Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl may have complicated the situation. The deal to swap Bergdahl, who was held by the Taliban for five years in Afghanistan, was brokered by the Obama White House without consulting Congress. Both Republican and Democratic lawmakers who initially praised Bergdahl's release have since backed off amid an outcry over the exchange, including questions about whether he walked away from his post before he was captured.

Congress plans hearings on the exchange for the five prisoners, who officials here say were leaders inside the detention center as well as in the Taliban. Any immediate transfers of other inmates are likely to further



The entrance to Camp 5 and Camp 6 at the U.S. military's Guantanamo Bay detention center, which President Barack Obama has pledged to close amid opposition in Congress, at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, Saturday, June 7, 2014.

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whether he walked away from his post before he was captured. Congress plans hearings on the exchange for the five prisoners, who officials here say were leaders inside the detention center as well as in the Taliban. Any immediate transfers of other inmates are likely to further

inflammate members of Congress, much to the dismay of attorneys for some of the 71 prisoners awaiting transfer after a security review. Before anyone can be released, the Obama administration must obtain security and humane treatment assurances with the home country or repatriation agreements for third countries, a time-consuming process even before the required 30-day notice to Congress, which eased the restrictions on transfers last year but still bars sending any of the men to the United States.

"It's unfortunate that cleared people may well suffer because of the backlash over this," said Cori Crider, an attorney for the British legal rights group Reprieve who represents several men approved for transfer. "I hope the more sensible people in Congress — as well as the White House and the Defense Department who recognize that it's time to get this done, that it's a stain on America's image — aren't going to be bullied."

Ukrainian energy firm hires Biden son as lawyer



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WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden's visit Saturday to support Ukraine's fragile democracy came soon after his youngest son was hired by a private Ukrainian company that promotes energy independence from Moscow.

Yet that company leases natural gas fields in the breakaway Russian-backed state of Crimea and is owned by a former

government minister with ties to Ukraine's ousted pro-Russian president.

The hiring of Hunter Biden, 44, by Burisma Holdings Limited in April was approved by the company's owner, a former senior minister and political ally of Viktor Yanukovich, the exiled Ukrainian president. Yanukovich fled to Russia in February after protests erupted over his efforts to establish closer economic ties with Moscow.

Hunter Biden's employment means he will be working as a director and top lawyer for a Ukrainian energy company during the period when his father and others in the Obama administration attempt to influence the policies of Ukraine's new government, especially on energy issues. There's no indication that Hunter Biden, his father or Burisma are crossing any legal or ethical lines, al-

though ethics experts appear divided over the implications of Hunter Biden's new job.

American conflict-of-interest laws and federal ethics rules essentially do not regulate the business activities of adult relatives of those who work in the White House.

"The primary problem here is the fact that Hunter Biden has set up a financial arrangement with someone who might have business pending before this administration," said Craig Holman, an ethics expert with Public Citizen, a Washington-based government reform organization.

Joe Biden led the U.S. delegation at Saturday's inauguration of Ukraine's new president, Petro Poroshenko, and announced \$48 million in additional aid for the Kiev government. Biden met Poroshenko and said "there is a window for

peace and you know as well as anyone that it will not stay open indefinitely ... America is with you."

Ukraine is an important natural-gas and petroleum-liquids transit country. Two major pipeline systems carry Russian gas through Ukraine to Western Europe. Burisma is headed by Nikolai Zlochevskyi, who held senior posts over natural resources, environment and defense in Ukraine. The company has aggressively bought up Ukrainian oil and natural gas leases and companies.

Hunter Biden's new company says it aims to reduce Ukraine's dependence on Russian gas and oil, a goal that parallels U.S. efforts to aid Ukraine's energy industry.

As a Burisma director and the company's top lawyer, the younger Biden has yet to take any public actions on behalf of the company.

But the timing of his hiring is politically awkward for the administration's efforts to shore up Ukraine's pro-Western government, and poses potential complications from Burisma's growing energy interests and the background of Hunter Biden's new boss, Zlochevskyi.

At least two oil and natural gas fields leased by subsidiaries of Burisma are in Ukrainian territories where pro-Russian sentiments remain strong, according to government and media releases, independent energy maps and Burisma's website.

One is in the breakaway Russian-backed state of Crimea; the other is in the eastern Ukrainian Kharkiv region. Instability there could force the younger Biden's new company to coordinate with pro-Russian separatists whom the U.S. considers illegitimate.

Clinton decision on 2016 run could come next year

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's decision on seeking the White House again could stretch into 2015, and she's making no commitments about testifying before a select congressional committee investigating the deadly 2012 attacks on a U.S. diplomatic installation in Benghazi, Libya.

In an excerpt of an interview with ABC News that aired Sunday, the former secretary of state said potential primary rivals are free to "do whatever they choose to do on whatever timetable they decide."

"I just want to get through this year, travel around the country, sign books, help in the midterm elections in the fall and then take a deep breath and kind of go through my pluses and minuses," said Clinton, who is setting off on a tour this week to promote her new book, "Hard Choices."

Clinton remains the leading Democratic presidential contender in 2016. She said she would decide on running "when it feels right for me to decide," adding she would be "on the way to making a decision by the end of the year." At speeches and public events, Clinton has been

routinely asked by supporters whether she will run for president and has said previously she would make up her mind by the end of 2014. Asked by ABC's Diane Sawyer whether she would decide by the end of the year, Clinton said, "certainly not before then." Would her announcement stretch into next year? Clinton said she was "not positive about next year. But the way I make decisions, that's probably likely."

Some Democrats privately worry that if Clinton holds off on making a decision and then opts against running, potential candidates like Vice President Joe Biden, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley and several Democratic senators would be at a disadvantage against Republicans who have been actively pursuing the White House. "I just don't think that's a real concern," Clinton said, noting that her husband, former President Bill Clin-



Hillary Clinton smiles at the start of a meeting with community leaders following a tour at InterTech Plastics in Denver, Monday June 2, 2014.

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Ex-president's role limited in grandson's campaign

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PLAINS, Georgia (AP) — Inside a small Baptist church packed with out-of-state visitors wanting to hear from former President Jimmy Carter, one of the most eager listeners may have been his grandson, Jason. The message of this Sunday school lesson centered on the importance of prayer when negotiating Middle East peace and balancing the daily threat of the Cold War.

As Jason Carter heads into a fierce campaign for Georgia governor this year against incumbent Republican Nathan Deal, it was a relevant message from someone whose counsel he says he values.

"He never compromised his faith," the younger Carter said afterward of the 39th president. "All of that gives me faith and belief that you could do that, that you could go through the toils and snares of politics and come out without compromising who you are."

The younger Carter, a Democratic state senator from Atlanta, has been carefully crafting his campaign with proposals to

improve education and help the middle-class while rarely mentioning party affiliation as he looks to woo independent voters. And a big question has been what role his grandfather might play in the race.

Republicans are very eager to link the two, already blasting the younger Carter as an Atlanta liberal.

So far, the former president hasn't made any campaign appearances but has been hosting private fundraisers for his grandson, which have helped Jason Carter amass \$1.8 million in contributions through March.

Carter added a special greeting for about a dozen people who had made the trip to south Georgia as part of a campaign fundraiser. For \$12,600-a-person, the group toured the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site, had dinner with the family and attended Sunday school.

"This weekend we had a very nice event. We had my grandson, who's running for governor, here with some friends. And they've had a good time, I hope, in Plains," said the 89-year-old former president. □

ton, launched his presidential bid in the fall of 1991, only months before the New Hampshire primary. Republicans have questioned Hillary Clinton's handling of the 2012 attacks in Benghazi that killed four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador. Asked whether she will testify before a new congressional committee investigating the attacks, Clinton said

that will be up to the people running the hearing.

"I'm not going to say one way or another," Clinton said. "We'll see what they decide to do, how they conduct themselves: Whether this is one more travesty about the loss of four Americans or whether this is in the best tradition of the Congress, an effort to try and figure out what we can do better." □



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Free speech or illegal threats? Justices could say

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Messages posted on Facebook and Twitter or sent in emails can be tasteless, vulgar and even disturbing.

But when do they cross the line from free speech to threats that can be punished as a crime?

As the Internet and social networks allow people to vent their frustrations with the click of a mouse, the U.S. Supreme Court is being asked to clarify the First Amendment rights of people who use violent or threatening language on electronic media where the speaker's intent is not always clear.

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of speech

and other basic rights.

The justices could decide as early as Monday whether to hear appeals in two cases where defendants were convicted and sent to jail for making illegal threats, despite their claims that they never meant any harm.

In one case, a Pennsylvania man ranted on Facebook in the form of rap lyrics about killing his estranged wife, blowing up an amusement park, slitting the throat of an FBI agent and committing "the most heinous school shooting ever imagined."

The other case involves a Florida woman who emailed a conservative radio talk show host about "second amendment gun rights" and said she was



This Nov. 10, 2010, file photo shows parents waiting to pick up their children at Lakeside Elementary School in Pembroke Pines, Fla., after authorities lifted a lockdown of all schools in Broward County.

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planning "something big" at a government building or school. The U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment guarantees the right to bear arms.

Her comments triggered a lockdown affecting more than a quarter-million students.

In both cases, the defendants were prosecuted under a federal statute that makes it a crime to transmit a "threat to injure the person of another."

Those laws apply only to "true threats" that are not protected by the First Amendment under a doctrine established by the Supreme Court in 1969.

The high court has said laws prohibiting threats must not infringe on constitutionally protected speech that includes "political hyperbole" or "vehement," "caustic" or "unpleasantly sharp attacks."

Most lower courts say determining a true threat depends on how an objective person would understand the message.

But lawyers for the defendants, along with some free-speech groups, say it should depend on the speaker's state of mind.

They say the rise of new forms of social media and the freedom of political discourse can lead people to misinterpret comments that are colorful political tirades or coarse rap lyrics not meant to threaten harm.

The wife of the Pennsylvania man, Anthony Elonis, testified at his trial that the postings made her fear for her life.

One post about his wife said, "There's one way to love you but a thousand ways to kill you. I'm not going to rest until your body is a mess, soaked in blood and dying from all the little cuts."

Elonis says he never meant to carry out the threats. He claims he was depressed and made the online posts in the form of rap lyrics as a way to vent his frustration after his wife left him.

Samuel Randall, attorney for Elisa Martinez in the Florida case, said his client was attempting to make a mocking political point about the dangers of gun violence when she emailed the radio station. He said Martinez never intended to cause such a big problem or harm anyone. □

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Water main break closes popular amusement park



In this Thursday, May 4, 2006, file photo, people ride the Skyhawk, at Cedar Point amusement park, in Sandusky, Ohio. Park officials closed Cedar Point on Saturday, June 7, 2014, after a water main break in the city of Sandusky disrupted its primary water supply.

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SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP)

— Ohio's most popular amusement park was closed through the weekend after a water main break in the city of Sandusky disrupted its primary water supply, putting a damper on thousands of summer vacations.

Park officials closed Cedar Point and three hotels on its northern Ohio property on a picture-perfect Saturday and didn't expect to reopen until Monday, saying a lack of reliable water posed a safety risk.

Many visitors to the roller coaster Mecca didn't know about the closure until after they arrived, some after driving hundreds of miles.

Roger and Debbie Balderas of South Bend, Indiana, their daughter and their daughter's friend drove four hours to Cedar Point early Saturday and snagged a good parking spot before they were told the park was closed.

"This was our vacation," Roger Balderas told The Sandusky Register.

Debbie Balderas said she waited in line for an hour to get a refund of their tickets, which start at \$50 for adults and \$35 for children. The

family then got stuck for an hour-and-a-half in traffic as visitors poured out of the park.

The Balderas family said that although they got a refund for their tickets, they still had to pay for their hotel in nearby Port Clinton.

In a statement on its website, Cedar Point apologized to guests and said that any unused tickets would be good for the rest of the year.

"We recognize that this situation has caused many of our guests to be disappointed," the statement said. "We are sorry that this has happened."

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Aid targeted for Arizona site holding migrant kids

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NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) —

Officials are working to improve conditions at a makeshift holding center in southern Arizona where immigration authorities are housing hundreds of unaccompanied migrant minors.

A federal official said that mattresses, portable toilets and showers were brought in Saturday for 700 of the youthful migrants who spent the night sleeping on plastic cots inside the Nogales area center.

The Homeland Security official told The Associated Press that about 2,000 mattresses had been ordered for the center — a warehouse that has not been used to shelter people in years.

With the center lacking some of the basics, federal officials have asked Arizona to immediately ship medical supplies, Gov. Jan Brewer's spokesman Andrew Wilder said.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security started



Nogales, Ariz., Mayor Arturo Garino speaks to the media outside the gate of the U.S. Border Patrol facility on Saturday, June 7, 2014, in Nogales, Ariz. Arizona officials said they are rushing federal supplies to this makeshift holding center in the southern part of the state that's housing hundreds of migrant children and is running low on the basics.

flying immigrants in the country illegally to Arizona from the Rio Grande Valley in Texas last month after the number of immigrants — including more than 48,000 children traveling on their own — overwhelmed the Border Patrol there. Immigrant families were flown from Texas, released

in Arizona, and told to report to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office near where they were traveling within 15 days. ICE has said the immigrants were mostly families from Central America fleeing extreme poverty and violence.

The Homeland Security official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because there was no authorization to discuss the matter publicly, said the holding center opened for unaccompanied migrant children because the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services had nowhere to turn.

At the holding center, vendors are being contracted to provide nutritional meals, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, meanwhile, will provide counseling services and recreational activities.

The Homeland Security official said the number of children at the warehouse

was expected to double to around 1,400. The warehouse has a capacity of about 1,500.

The Arizona Daily Star reported Saturday (<http://bit.ly/UIC3VD>) that Jimena Díaz, consul general of Guatemala in Phoenix, visited the center Friday and said there were about 250 children from Guatemala, with the rest coming from El Salvador and Honduras.

Díaz told the newspaper that the children are being kept in separate groups, divided by age and gender. Most of them are between 15 and 17, Díaz said, with a few much younger than that. Teenage mothers with their children are also being detained separately, he said.

The warehouse began sheltering children flown from South Texas last Saturday. About 400 were scheduled to arrive Friday but, because of mechanical issues with the planes, only about 60 came, the Homeland Security official said. Saturday's flights were

canceled, also because of mechanical problems. There are flights scheduled through mid-June.

Federal authorities plan to use the Nogales facility as a way station, where the children will be vaccinated and checked medically. They will then be sent to facilities being set up in Ventura, California; San Antonio, Texas; and Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Customs and Border Protection in Arizona "is prepared to and expects to continue processing unaccompanied children from South Texas," said Victor L. Brabble, a spokesman for the agency in Tucson.

The children being held in Nogales are 17 or younger. The official estimated three of every four were at least 16.

Nogales Mayor Arturo Garino visited the facility Saturday, but he did not get inside the site where the children were being held. Garino said he did meet with Border Patrol officials. He was told some of the children are as young as 1 year old.

"I have all the faith in the world as mayor and as a citizen of Nogales that our Border Patrol is doing the best and the most kind and humane thing with the children," Garino said.

The town has begun collecting clothing donations for the kids, he said.

"Border Patrol has always been good to the city of Nogales, and they work very closely with us," Garino said. "Now, as a city, we need to help Border Patrol so that they can accomplish their goal of making sure these children are all taken care of."

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Quebec sees second jailbreak involving helicopter

MONTREAL (AP) — The search widened Sunday for three inmates who escaped with the help of a helicopter from a detention center in Quebec City a day earlier. It was the second helicopter-aided inmate escape in Quebec province in two years. The three men escaped from the Orsainville Detention Centre in suburban Quebec City around 7:45 p.m. Saturday with the help of a green-colored helicopter.

The chopper landed in the courtyard of the detention center, which has barbed-wire fencing and a watch post, and then quickly took off with the three inmates, heading west toward Trois-Rivières or Montreal, police said. Authorities were put on alert across Quebec, in the rest of Canada, and in the United States, according to provincial police. "We have co-operation with all the police forces across the country and abroad also," said Sgt.

Gregory Gomez. "We have many, many officers who are scattering all the areas possible. Investigators are, of course, checking every lead." Police were reluctant to provide many details about their investigation for fear the escapees could be monitoring media reports. The escapees —identified as Yves Denis, 35, Denis Lefebvre, 53, and Serge Pomerleau, 49 —were originally arrested on drug trafficking and gangsterism



Police cars are parked in front of the Orsainville Detention Center near Quebec City on Saturday, June 7, 2014. Three inmates have escaped from the center with the help of a helicopter, police said late Saturday.

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charges in 2010, according to police. Denis and Lefebvre were subsequently charged with murder, according to the Quebec provincial police website. Police said the men were swept up in a major 2010 police operation dubbed Operation Ecrevisse (Project Crayfish), aimed at bringing down a drug trafficking ring in northwestern Quebec. During the raid, police made 51 arrests and seized \$905,000 Canadian and 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) of cocaine, along with other drugs, police said. They also seized a plane and a helicopter. The status of the men's cases in the court system was not immediately clear. Provincial jails in Canada normally house people awaiting trial or those serving sentences of up to two years. Police released photos of the three men on social media and appealed to

the public for help, but warned anyone who spotted them not to approach and immediately contact police. Audrey-Anne Bilodeau, another police spokeswoman, said Saturday that police were working with surrounding airports and Quebec's Valcartier military base to help track down the helicopter. The Orsainville Detention Centre, about 10 kilometers (six miles) from the center of Quebec City, can hold up to 710 offenders. In March of last year, a helicopter pilot was forced at gunpoint to pluck two inmates from the St-Jerome prison on a quiet Sunday afternoon. Two inmates climbed up a rope ladder into the hovering helicopter and fled. Police caught the two escapees and the two suspects who hijacked the helicopter within a few hours of the escape. □

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"There will be no acquiescence or laxity shown to those who resorted to violence."

He did not mention by name Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, which was declared a terrorist group by the government last December. But el-Sissi's rise coincides with detention of thousands and the killing of hundreds of Morsi supporters.

El-Sissi also vowed to fight corruption and appeared to make an overture to pro-democracy and secular youth activists, many of whom boycotted last month's presidential election. They accuse the new president of reviving toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak's police state, pointing to a law passed last year that restricts protests as well as the jailing of a number of well-known activists.

He peppered his 55-minute address with references to "freedom, social justice and bread," the main slo-

gan by youth groups behind the January 2011 uprising that ended Mubarak's 29-year rule.

El-Sissi's July 3 ouster of Morsi triggered a cycle of deadly violence and further polarized Egypt. Now, el-Sissi faces the daunting tasks of reviving Egypt's anemic economy, fighting Islamic militants and cementing his rule after three years of deadly turmoil in the Arab world's most populous country.

Under his rule, el-Sissi said Egypt will work for regional security and stability. He also called on Egyptians to work hard so that their rights and freedoms could grow.

"Let us differ for the sake of our nation and not over it; let us do that as part of a unifying national march in which every party listens to the other objectively and without ulterior motives," he said. "Let our differences be the source of enrichment, diversity and giving that add the spirit of



In this image released by Egypt's state news agency MENA, President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi gives a speech during his inaugural ceremony at the Presidential Palace in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, June 8, 2014.

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cooperation and love to our work."

El-Sissi's inauguration came less than a year after he ousted Morsi following days of mass protests demanding he step down. He has been praised by many in a wave of nationalist fervor fueled by a jingoistic media, despite the harsh crackdown by security forces.

Supporters drew comfort from his ascension, convinced he is the right man for Egypt.

Tens of thousands gathered into the night Sunday at Cairo's famed Tahrir Square, birthplace of the 2011 uprising, to celebrate his inauguration.

"I feel like I'm breathing new oxygen," said Mamdouh Ali Bilal, a retired army colonel who celebrated at Tahrir. "El-Sissi is bringing hope with him, unlike the Brotherhood people. They were like a dark room that makes us constantly afraid of what may be planned next for us."

Yet Egypt's recent, tumultuous history remained close by. El-Sissi, 59, took the oath of office at the Supreme

Constitutional Court, the same venue where Morsi, now on trial for charges that carry the death penalty, was sworn in two years ago.

The court is a short distance away from a military hospital where Mubarak is being held. Mubarak was convicted last month on graft charges and sentenced to three years in prison. He is also being retried over the killing of protesters during the 18-day revolt after his original conviction and life sentence were successfully appealed.

Authorities declared Sunday a national holiday for el-Sissi's inauguration and police and troops deployed throughout Cairo. The entire Cabinet, as well as el-Sissi's wife, four children and their spouses, attended the swearing-in ceremony.

Outgoing interim president Adly Mansour, installed by el-Sissi after the overthrow, will return to his post as the chief justice of the Supreme Constitutional Court. El-Sissi awarded him the nation's highest honor, the Nile Medallion, in recognition of

what he said were Mansour's "glorious services" to Egypt.

El-Sissi is Egypt's eighth president since the overthrow of the monarchy in 1953, the year after a military coup. With the exception of Morsi and two civilians who served in an interim capacity, all of Egypt's presidents have come from the armed forces.

El-Sissi also welcomed dozens of local and foreign dignitaries on hand for the inauguration, including the kings of Jordan and Bahrain, the emir of Kuwait and the crown princes of Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi, the largest and wealthiest of the seven sheikdoms that make up the United Arab Emirates.

The five Arab nations backed el-Sissi's ouster of Morsi. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the Emirates since have provided billions of dollars to shore up Egypt's ailing finances and are expected to give more while the country rebuilds.

El-Sissi won nearly 97 percent of the vote in last month's election, with a turnout of 47.45 percent. □

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Gunmen storm Pakistan airport, killing at least 11

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KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen disguised as police guards attacked a terminal at Pakistan's busiest airport Sunday night with machine guns and a rocket launcher, killing at least 11 people as explosions echoed into the night, officials said. A separate suicide bombing in the country's southwest killed 23 Shiite pilgrims returning from Iran, authorities said. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack on the Jinnah International Airport in Karachi, named after the founder of Pakistan, nor the suicide bombing in Baluchistan province. However, the attacks come as government-led peace talks with the local Taliban faction and other militants have floundered in recent weeks. The airport attack still raged on early Monday in Karachi, a sprawling port city on Pakistan's southern coast, although officials

said all the passengers had been evacuated. Heavy gunfire and multiple explosions could be heard coming from the terminal, used for VIP flights and cargo. A major fire rose from the airport, illuminating the night sky in an orange glow as the silhouettes of jets could be seen. The attack sparked an intense fire-fight that stretched out for at least five hours. Soldiers joined police officers in fighting the attackers. Military spokesman Gen. Asim Bajwa said in a message on Twitter feed that six gunmen had been killed and three to four were still holed up at the airport. Senior police officer Ghulam Qadir Thebo told journalists outside the airport that at least 11 people had been killed, not including the attackers. He said the gunmen took shelter in two sections of the airport. "The blast you heard a little while ago was when our police party went to pick up a body (and) one of the attackers blew himself up," Thebo said



Pakistani police commandos help an injured colleague at Jinnah International Airport where security forces are fighting with gunmen who disguised themselves as police guards and stormed a terminal used for VIPs and cargo, Sunday night, June 8, 2014, in Pakistan.

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Authorities seized four machine guns and a rocket launcher, Thebo said. He said none of the aircraft were damaged and that the billowing smoke and flames was from oil that had caught fire. Dr. Seemi Jamali from Jin-

nah Hospital in Karachi said nine bodies had been brought to the hospital from the fighting. She said seven were Airport Security Force personnel, one was an employee of the Civil Aviation Authority and another was from the state-

run Pakistan International Airlines. Another official who spoke to journalists near the airport said at least some of the gunmen wore Airport Security Force uniforms and all were strapped with explosives.

Israeli finance minister calls settlements a waste



In this March 18, 2013 file photo, Yair Lapid, Israel's newly sworn Finance Minister and the leader of the Yesh Atid party, arrives for the first cabinet meeting after the swearing-in of the new Israeli government at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

Associated Press

JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press
JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's finance minister on Sunday criticized settlement construction in isolated parts of the West Bank as a waste of money and vowed to bring down the country's governing coalition if it heeds hard-line calls to annex settlements. The tough speech by Finance Minister Yair Lapid highlights divisions in the Israeli government following the collapse of U.S.-brokered peace talks with the Palestinians just over a month ago. The govern-

ment has been unable to come up with a coherent response while failing to rally international opposition to a new Palestinian unity government. Addressing a security conference in the coastal town of Herzliya, Lapid urged the government to seize the diplomatic initiative and present its own peace plan. He said Israel should withdraw from empty areas of the West Bank and afterwards dismantle settlements located in isolated areas. He said the government should present a map clearly identifying these ar-

reas. "There is no reason to keep building settlements in places and areas that will not be part of Israel in any future agreement and to continue investing billions in infrastructure that at the end of the day, we will just give away as gifts to the Palestinians," he said. He said he supported continued construction in settlement blocs that Israel expects to keep, but that building in isolated settlements has hurt Israel's international image. "The settlements are too pricey and expensive," he said.



Children watch as a bodyguard, right, stands guard during Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah's visit of a flood affected area in the Guzirga i-Nur district of Baghlan province, Afghanistan, Sunday, June 8, 2014. Associated Press

**RAHIM FAIEZ
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Associated Press

GUZIRGA I-NUR, Afghanistan (AP) — More than 80 bodies have been found after a devastating flash flood in Afghanistan's mountainous and remote north, a provincial official said Sunday, as police and villagers scoured the rugged terrain for missing people. Lt. Fazel Rahman, the police chief in the Guzirga i-Nur district of Baghlan

province, said the death toll from Friday's flash flooding had climbed to 81 from 54. The flood destroyed some 850 houses across several villages and damaged more than 1,000, leaving thousands of people in need of shelter, food, water and medicine, Rahman said. Local resident Sahib Nazar openly wept while recounting his own family's losses. "I have lost everything, my parents, my wife and five

Death toll from Afghan flood rises to 81 killed

children," he said. "I have buried my mother, wife and three of my children, but still looking for my father and two other children's bodies."

Nazar, a local police officer, said he received a phone call late Friday afternoon about the heavy rain and flooding. He said he left his sick son at a hospital and tried to come home, but couldn't as all roads were destroyed. By the time he reached home the next morning, there was nothing left.

"All the village was gone," he said. Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said army helicopters assisted in relief efforts in the remote district, which is just 140 kilometers (85 miles) north of the pro-

vincial capital, Puli Khumri, but is an eight-to-nine-hour drive because of the rugged terrain.

Rahman said local authorities had received around 100 tents, several hundred blankets and some food, but that more supplies were needed.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has appointed a high-ranking government commission to accelerate emergency aid to the affected villages and expressed his "deep condolences" to those who lost loved ones, the palace said in a statement Sunday. Abdullah Abdullah, the front runner in Afghanistan's June 14 presidential runoff election, also visited the area Sunday.

Afghans living in the northern mountains have large-

ly been spared from the country's decades of war, but are no strangers to natural disasters.

Last month, a landslide triggered by heavy rain buried large sections of a remote village in the northeastern Badakhshan province bordering China, displacing some 700 families. Authorities have yet to provide an exact figure on the number of dead from the May 2 landslide, and estimates have ranged from 250 to 2,700. Officials said it was impossible to dig up all the bodies.

A landslide in Baghlan province in 2012 killed 71 people. After days of digging unearthed only five bodies, authorities gave up on the recovery effort and turned the area into a memorial. □

Venezuela rally supports jailed opposition leader



Lilian Tintori, center, wife of jailed opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez, hold a sign that reads in Spanish, "bars do not silence the truth, release Leopoldo" during a rally in support of opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez, Venezuela, Sunday, June 8, 2014. Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Thousands of Venezuelans who oppose their country's socialist-led government rallied peacefully in the capital Sunday to protest the continued detention of an opposition leader and to call for an early presidential election. Anti-government activists massed to voice support for hard-line opposition

leader Leopoldo Lopez, who has been held in a military prison since being arrested in February on charges of fomenting violence as a result of the initial protests. A judge ordered last week that Lopez proceed to trial. Those at Sunday's protest also renewed their call for President Nicolas Maduro to leave office and for

Venezuela to hold a new presidential election.

Venezuela's constitution allows for an early presidential election if the president should resign. It also allows such a ballot if a leader is ruled physically or mentally incapacitated by the Supreme Court or dies in office, as happened last year with Hugo Chavez, who had anointed Maduro as his choice to take over the presidency.

During the rally in east Caracas, leaders of the student movement that has spearheaded the anti-government demonstrations this year called for a new protest on June 24.

The anti-Maduro movement has lost steam in recent weeks, but demonstrations still crop up across Venezuela. The protests, which have seen 42 deaths and 873 injuries, are fed by anger over Venezuela's 59 percent inflation rate, shortages of basic goods and a high crime rate. □

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After Israel, African kids start afresh in Uganda

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Associated Press

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Speak no Hebrew.

That's what Ugandan teachers repeatedly tell the South Sudanese teenagers transplanted here from Israel. But Hebrew is what they speak when they are not being watched; it's the language they grew up with as migrants.

Some 70 South Sudanese teenagers now call Kampala their home after they were deported from — or voluntarily left — Israel, which is trying to rid itself of tens of thousands of African migrants. In recent years Africans have poured into Israel, causing friction with locals and alarming some authorities who say Israel's Jewish character is threatened by the presence of the Africans.

After leaving Israel the teenagers spent a few months in their home country, South Sudan, where they struggled because of the threat of hunger, tropical diseases and the country's political tensions. They later were relocated to Uganda thanks mainly to the work of an Israeli activist who has criticized his country's policy toward African migrants as Israel's "moment of shame."

The 44-year-old activist, Rami Gudovitch, entered the lives of the teenagers as both father figure and friend, first by trying to prevent their impending deportations from Israel and then by finding families willing to sponsor their education in Africa. In December 2012 he put a group of them on a bus leaving the South Sudanese capital of Juba for Kampala, where the children hoped to return to school and start afresh as refugees. Many of those now enrolled at a private boarding school in Kampala have Israeli benefactors who pay their tuition of about \$1,000, charity for which they are grateful but which doesn't cancel the memory of the country they called home for much of their life.

They must adjust to a different culture and school system, often without the help of family. Many students who should be one or two years away from taking col-



In this photo taken Wednesday, April 9, 2014, a South Sudanese girl who previously lived in Israel listens to her friends reminisce about their time in Tel Aviv, in a classroom at the Trinity boarding school where they now live in Kampala, Uganda.

lege-entrance examinations are now stuck in lower grade school because their English is not adequate, a serious consequence of the transition from Israel, where they were instructed in Hebrew.

"When they first came here they had a language barrier," said Alex Gumisiriza, a science teacher who heads academic programs at Trinity School. "But now they are catching up."

Several of the teenagers who spoke to The Associated Press said they left Israel in 2011 or 2012 and lived in South Sudan before coming to Uganda. The move had effectively broken up their families, with many going months without seeing their parents. Although some said their parents had chosen to return to South Sudan in response to growing anti-refugee sentiment in Israel, many were deported.

"We were told that in Israel they didn't want refugees, that there were many refugees in the country," said Victoria James, a bubbly 16-year-old student whose family lived in Tel Aviv. "It was very bad. I

was going to live in a country that I knew nothing about."

James said she misses her friends, who occasionally chat with her on Facebook, and her teachers. Quite a few of the students said they miss Tel Aviv's big malls, of which there are not many in Uganda. Others recall the good basketball courts there.

Many of the African migrants pouring across Israel's southern border with Egypt come from Eritrea and South Sudan, countries with a history of political violence and rights abuses. Israel has now built a fence along the border with Egypt, all but stopping the influx. It passed a law that allows for the migrants' detention and said it has a deal with an unidentified country to host some of the Africans until they are able to return home.

An Israeli official told The Associated Press that Israel had begun sending dozens of African migrants to Uganda in a voluntary deportation campaign that Ugandan officials and refugee authorities insist they know nothing about. While there is no formal agreement with

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Uganda, the Israeli official said, Israel is paying up to \$3,500 to each migrant who agreed to leave for Uganda. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media on this matter.

Migrants and activists said the arrangement, which includes a one-way ticket and a stipend, is questionable because it's unclear if there's an official agreement with Uganda to secure their status.

Gudovitch, the anti-deportation activist, said he was ashamed of Israel's policy toward African migrants.

"Part of the Jewish tradition is to accept refugees," he said. "I think Israel should protect refugees because we have been refugees and we don't know the next time we shall be refugees."

His group, an Israeli nonprofit called Become, supports the South Sudanese students as part of its efforts to help vulnerable children in the world's poorest parts.

"They are Israeli kids," Gudovitch said. "For me these kids are representative of my country." □

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Women drummers break barriers in Cuba percussion

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — It wasn't that long ago that Cuba's rich percussion scene was essentially a boys' club, dominated by men due to macho attitudes and religious tradition.

Perceived as too weak for the physical demands of drumming, and unsuitable for an instrument considered a means of communicating with the gods, women were shut out of rehearsal spaces and barred from using "bata" drums belonging to the National Folkloric Ensemble. Instructors were warned that if they taught women, it could cost them a place in a traveling tour or a major performance.

Over the years, doors slowly began opening for female drummers — just as women gradually took on greater roles in politics, academics and other areas of Cuban society. Today, experts say,

the island is seeing a boom in women percussionists as the generation that first started playing in the 1990s comes into its own and inspires younger talent to follow.

"I threw myself into the unknown," said Eva Despaigne, the 60-year-old director of Obini Bata, Cuba's first all-female bata orchestra, which takes its name from the Yoruban word for woman.

"I have suffered many headaches."

Under Afro-Cuban beliefs, the two-sided bata (pronounced ba-TAH') are sacred, used for connecting with Santeria spirits.

Tradition dictates the drums be made only from the hides of male goats. Players must undergo a



Wendy Garcia of the Obini Batá orchestra of women percussionists plays the drums in Old Havana, Cuba, Thursday, May 29, 2014. It wasn't that long ago that Cuba's rich percussion scene was essentially a boys' club, dominated by men due to macho attitudes and religious tradition. Perceived as too weak for the physical demands of drumming, and unsuitable for an instrument considered a means of communicating with the gods, women were shut out of rehearsal spaces and barred from using "bata" drums belonging to the National Folkloric Ensemble.

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worked to persuade male batistas that her desire to play was not for religion, but for art. Little by little, she began to win them over.

After breaking off from the National Folkloric Ensemble in 1994, Obini Bata spent years on the margins of acceptance.

With time, however, more women took up the hourglass-shaped drum and also became percussionists in other genres such as jazz and big band.

"From the 1990s to today, the girls have begun studying percussion (more) and the number of those who have graduated is great," said Mercedes Lay, a percussionist and musicologist who works with the gov-

headscarves.

The performance was part of the government-organized musical festival Cubadisco, underscoring Obini Bata's firm arrival in the musical mainstream.

Female batistas are still banned by traditional Afro-Cuban priests, who see their drumming as sacrilegious.

But women drummers' growing acceptance is evidenced by their inclusion in rumba and rock groups, as teachers and in bands touring overseas.

Acclaimed players include Yissy Garcia, a jazz percussionist who comes from an accomplished musical family, and Naile Sosa, an energetic rock 'n' roll drummer who has collaborated with local stars such as David Blanco.

Yaimi Karell, a 33-year-old who plays with the popular island Afro-pop fusion group "Sintesis" and also teaches percussion, said women drummers have proven themselves and gained the respect of their male peers.

"There has been a very big opening for women," she said.

Part of breaking down the barriers has entailed overcoming the perception that women were physically unsuited for the drums.

"In percussion it's not, as people sometimes think, all about strength and speed. It's a matter of technique and taste,"

said Raul Fernandez, a social scientist at the University of California, Irvine, who researches Cuban music.

"Even among male percussionists, often one who plays with lots of vigor and speed doesn't play as well as one with better technique and taste." □



lengthy consecration ritual. And, above all, the sacred bata are to be played only by men.

Despaigne, however, was determined to fight convention.

As an Afro-Cuban folkloric dancer, Despaigne saw the drum as a means

to experience her art at a deeper level.

"It is the fundamental instrument of the genre. I figured by playing it, I could broaden my development as an artist and have greater expressiveness," she said.

Despaigne patiently

ernmental Center for Research of Cuban Music.

At a recent show in Havana, the six women who make up Obini Bata pounded infectious beats on leather-skinned drums with their carefully manicured hands and danced in colorful blouses and



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AP Sports Writer

LONG POND, Pennsylvania

(AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. passed Brad Keselowski down the stretch to win a thriller Sunday at Pocono Raceway.

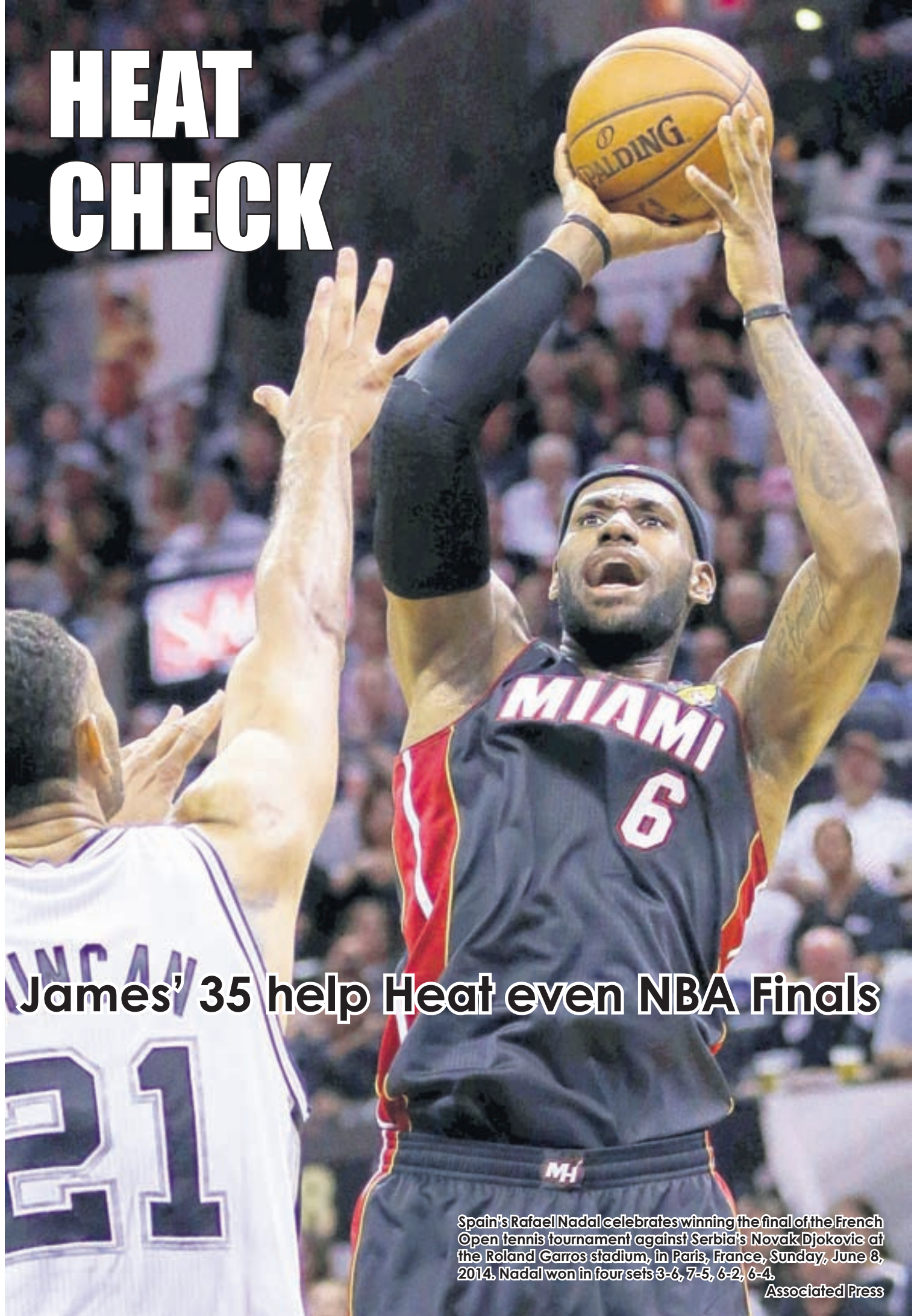
Earnhardt led only 11 laps but his No. 88 Chevrolet was the car to beat at the end, and he zipped past the dominant Keselowski, who had debris on his grille and a hot engine, with five laps remaining in the 400-mile race. Keselowski was second for the second straight race.

Earnhardt won the Daytona 500 and now has multiple wins in a season for the first time since 2004. Keselowski had a runner-up finish to go with his 95 laps led. Kurt Busch, Denny Hamlin and rookie Kyle Larson completed the top five.

Earnhardt gave Hendrick Motorsports three straight wins, following back-to-back victories by Jimmie Johnson.

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HEAT CHECK



James' 35 help Heat even NBA Finals

Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates winning the final of the French Open tennis tournament against Serbia's Novak Djokovic at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Sunday, June 8, 2014. Nadal won in four sets 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.

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Nadal tops Djokovic: 9th French Open, 14th major

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Trying to beat Rafael Nadal at the French Open is, without a doubt, the toughest task in tennis. Indeed, must be among the greatest challenges in all of sports.

The pressure he applies, from set to set, game to game, point to point, shot to shot. That bullwhip of a high-bouncing, topspin lefty forehand. Those quick-reflex returns that help him break an opponent's serve — and his will.

Doing what he does so well on the red clay of Roland Garros, a surface and site he dominates so completely, the No. 1-seeded Nadal wore down No. 2 Novak Djokovic 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 in a muggy final Sunday to win his ninth French Open championship and fifth in a row, both records.

"For me," Nadal said, "playing here in Roland Garros is just unforgettable, forever." It is also his 14th Grand Slam title overall, tying the 28-year-old Spaniard with Pete Sampras for the second most by a man, behind only Roger Federer's 17.

That includes Nadal's two trophies apiece at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, along with one from the Australian Open, proving he can beat the best on grass and hard courts, too. But it's on the clay of Paris where Nadal reigns supreme: He has won 66 of 67 career French Open matches.

Since the only loss, against Robin Soderling in the fourth round in 2009, Nadal has won 35 consecutive matches at Roland Garros. No other man has won more than seven titles at any of tennis' four majors.

"It's not impossible, but it's very, very difficult to

stay with Rafa in this court, throughout the whole match, on the highest level of performance," said Djokovic, who was broken in the final game of each set, including with an anticlimactic double-fault on match point.

Nadal ensured that he, not Djokovic, will be ranked No. 1 on Monday. In the process, Nadal once again prevented six-time major champion Djokovic from completing a career Grand Slam.

Djokovic had won their four most recent matches, including on clay in the best-of-three-set final at Rome last month. Beating Nadal in best-of-five is a whole other matter.

Nadal also topped Djokovic in the 2012 final, and the 2013 semifinals. In all, Nadal leads Djokovic 6-0 at the French Open, 9-3 at major tournaments, and 23-19 in total. No other pair of men has played each other as often.

The defeat in Rome was one of three this season on clay for Nadal, raising questions about whether he'd be unbeatable at Roland Garros this time. There also was the matter of his troublesome back, which flared up during a loss to Stan Wawrinka in the Australian Open final and slowed his serve at times during the French Open.

For 3 1/2 hours Sunday, when the sky was crystal clear and the temperature touched 80 degrees (27 Celsius), Djokovic gave everything he had, even spitting up on court.

"I played at the maximum of my power, my strength, and my capability," Djokovic said, "but Rafa was the best player."

Using his backhand to great effect against Nad-



Spain's Rafael Nadal holds the trophy after winning the final of the French Open tennis tournament against Serbia's Novak Djokovic at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Sunday, June 8, 2014. Nadal won in four sets 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.

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al's forehand early, Djokovic grabbed the first set, and got to 5-all in the second.

"I felt," Nadal said, "the match was more in his hands at the beginning." Knowing that overcoming a two-set hole might be too much even for him, Nadal raised his level, taking 20 of 26 points to claim that set and a 3-0 lead in the third.

"Without that second set, I don't know if I have this trophy with me now," Nadal would say later.

When a down-the-line forehand winner ended the

second set, Nadal leaped and shook both fists, his first sign of real emotion.

"The momentum went (to) his side," Djokovic said. "I started playing quite bad and didn't move as well. Struggled a little bit physically throughout that third set."

That was apparent. His cheeks were flushed. He put his hand on his heaving chest. He wobbled and nearly fell over while sitting on his changeover bench. Still, after trailing 4-2 in the fourth, Djokovic made one

last stand. As skilled a retriever as his formidable foe — Djokovic won 10 of the first 15 points that lasted at least 10 strokes — he came up with a desperation defensive lob that landed right near the baseline, drawing a netted overhead from Nadal to earn a break point. Soon, it was 4-all.

But Nadal steadied himself to hold to 5-4, then broke one last time. Soon enough, he was clutching the French Open trophy, his trophy.

Earn Hardt

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Johnson overcame a pit road mishap to finish sixth. "I don't have much to do tomorrow," Earnhardt said, grinning. "Tonight's going to be a long one."

Keselowski had the car to beat in his No. 2 Ford when a piece of trash stuck to his grille. He appeared to yield the lead to Earnhardt in an attempt to clean off the front grille and not lose time. He stalked Earnhardt down the stretch, but could never recover, losing his shot at his second win of the season.

"I was trying to make a move to clean it off," Keselowski said. "I realized I made a mistake."

His misjudgment worked out just fine for Earnhardt. Earnhardt, long NASCAR's most popular driver, gave the Pocono crowd plenty of reason to go wild. He pulled away from Keselowski and won for the first time at Pocono. Earnhardt

said Keselowski may have had the best car — but he had the best one at the end.

"He had me beat. I couldn't get to him," Earnhardt said. "I've lost in some strange ways, so it feels good to win one like that."

Junior shook off the red gauges in the No. 88 that could have had him meet a similar fate as Keselowski. "They were still within good reason to stand on it and give it hell," he said.

Earnhardt's second win means he is guaranteed to make the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field. He won for the 29th time in 519 career Sprint Cup starts.

"We were there all day running great," he said. "We had a fast car just never really got that track position until the end. You've got to be there and we were."

Johnson's bid for a third straight win took a hit when he connected on pit road with Marcos Ambrose. Coming off wins in the Co-

ca-Cola 600 and at Dover, Johnson was fifth when he pitted under yellow. Johnson hit Ambrose and made a 180-degree spin, forcing him to back into his stall for more repairs. He needed two tires, had right-front damage and dropped to 29th on the restart.

Busch posted his first top 10 since his win at Martinsville nine races ago. He salvaged a rough day for his team that saw fellow Stewart-Haas Racing drivers Tony Stewart and Kevin Harvick

drop from contention with various issues. Stewart held the lead and was in great position late to win until he was busted for speeding on pit road and was dropped to 31st. Harvick was run-

ning second when had tire trouble.

Stewart finished 13th, Harvick 14th, and SHR's Danica Patrick was 37th after she smacked the wall with 22 laps left.



Dale Earnhardt Jr., right, holds the winner's trophy with Pocono Raceway President Brandon Igdalsky after the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Pocono 400 auto race at Pocono Raceway on Sunday, June 8, 2014, in Long Pond, Pa.

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James carries Heat past Spurs to tie NBA Finals



Miami Heat forward LeBron James has a sports drink while on the bench during the first half in Game 2 of the NBA basketball finals against the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday, June 8, 2014, in San Antonio.

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BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LeBron James had 35 points and 10 rebounds in a powerful bounce back from cramps in the opener, and the Miami Heat leveled the NBA Finals with a 98-96 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Game 2 on Sunday night.

Chris Bosh made the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:18 remaining for the Heat, who have won 13 straight following a loss in the post-season. Just like last year, they rebounded from a loss to the Spurs in the opener. Bosh had 18 points for the Heat, who host Game 3 on Tuesday night.

James played 36 minutes, making 14 of 22 shots. He was only 1 for 4 with three turnovers in a shaky first quarter, then made 11 of his next 13.

After two days of enduring criticism for not finishing and getting suggestions on how to avoid cramps, James changed the subject.

"Got to play hard," James said. "I believe the man above will protect me. I just try to put myself and my teammates in position to succeed."

He also had a key strip of Tony Parker down the stretch, playing a dominant game on both ends as if he had something to prove. Whenever the critics come out, James always quickly can silence them.

He had 11 points in the second quarter, helping Miami erase an 11-point deficit early in the period. The game was played within a margin of a few points from there, and the Spurs missed a chance to seize control in the fourth quarter when Tony Parker and Tim Duncan combined to miss four straight free throws when

they had a two-point lead. James then made a 3-pointer and two free throws, setting Miami up to pull it out.

Parker scored 21 points and Duncan had 18 points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, who had won eight straight at home by 15 more points. The game was played in comfortable conditions inside the AT&T Center, where an air conditioning failure in Game 1 sent temperatures soaring to about 90 degrees in the second half. The problem, caused by a broken circuit breaker, was fixed by Friday afternoon, and it was much cooler inside the arena.

James had the toughest time with the heat Thursday, needing treatment midway through the fourth quarter before eventually having to leave for good. He had plenty of time to recover, with the two days off between Games 1 and 2.

He personally erased a 62-56 San Antonio lead by scoring eight points in less than a minute, and his 14 points in the third quarter had Miami down only 78-77 heading to the fourth.

After their sensational finish to Game 1, the Spurs picked up right where they left off, making 10 of their first 15 shots.

They led 26-17 after Duncan's follow shot with 1:49 left, but missed a chance to expand their lead by committing three straight turnovers, and coach Gregg Popovich looked irate when the quarter ended with San Antonio ahead 26-19.

The Spurs opened an 11-point lead early in the second before James got going. He had three straight Miami baskets, and a follow shot later in the period gave the Heat their first lead at 34-33. □

Augustus leads Lynx to 85-72 win over Sparks

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Seimone Augustus scored 26 points, Maya Moore and Damiris Dantas both had double-doubles, and the Minnesota Lynx beat the Los Angeles Sparks 85-72 on Sunday.

Lindsay Whalen added 19 points and Janel McCarville scored 11 to give the Lynx (8-1) five players in double figures. Dantas had 15 points and 11 rebounds and Moore had 12 points and 13 rebounds as Minnesota never trailed.

Candace Parker had 24 points and 11 rebounds and Nneka Ogwuimike

scored 10 points for the Sparks (3-4), who didn't make a field goal in the game's final five minutes. Minnesota led just 75-72 with four and a half minutes remaining but finished on a 10-0 run thanks to six points from Whalen and the Sparks' cold shooting.

LIBERTY 81, MYSTICS 64
NEW YORK (AP) — Cappie Pondexter scored a season high-21 points and Tina Charles added 14 to help New York end a three-game losing streak.

Alex Montgomery added 13 points and Anna Cruz had 10 for the Liberty (3-5), who came into the game

with the second-worst record in the league.

Kara Lawson scored 17 points to lead Washington (4-4), which was playing its third game in five days.

New York jumped to a 10-0 lead at the outset and was never seriously challenged the rest of the way. Lawson helped the Mystics briefly get back into the game with a steal and buzzer-beating 3-pointer at the end of the quarter to narrow the gap to 22-17.

But then Charles and Pondexter got rolling and New York used an 18-4 run to increase the advantage to 50-28 late in the half. □



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Reeling Rangers return home in 2-0 hole in finals

IRA PODELL

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Rangers know they will have the raucous Madison Square Garden crowd on their side in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup finals. The whistle and the bounces? That is a whole other story.

When the Rangers analyze their two overtime losses to the Kings in Los Angeles, they likely will be happy about much of them — other than the result, of course.

New York hasn't trailed for one second in the nine regulation periods played in the championship round, yet the Rangers return home in an 0-2 hole.

They led by two early in their 3-2 single overtime loss in Game 1 and then had three two-goal edges in Game 2, only to fall 5-4 in double overtime Saturday night.

"We played two good games," forward Mats Zuccarello said Sunday after the Rangers returned to New York. "We didn't get the bounces in OT. We've got to limit our mistakes. I think we're a confident group. I think we played the best hockey."

"We'll have our fans, the best fans in the world, but it's two good teams. I don't know how much it's going to mean. Hopefully the fans are going to be behind us, and we'll get a good boost."

The starts were good, the middles provided success, too. The third periods and overtimes have been the difference, and that is what matters. New York was out-shot 20-3 in the third period of Game 1 and outscored 2-0 in the final regulation frame of Game 2.

"We're not proud of the way we're starting games," Kings forward Justin Williams said. "We find ourselves in the same situation, regurgitating the same mumbo-jumbo every time. We're in a results-oriented league. The results are we're up 2-0. I don't care how we got here."

Game 3 is Monday night, and is as close to a must-win contest for the Rangers as can be at the Garden, where they are 6-4 in these playoffs.

"Our guys are going to be real focused," coach Alain Vigneault said. "We need to hold serve. We're back in our building. We've played some good hockey. We might feel that we deserve a better outcome than what we have, but it doesn't matter."

"At the end of the day we've got to take care of business, and that's what we're going to do."

The resilient Kings are doing to the Rangers what they did to the Sharks, Ducks and defending Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks before them.

If New York wants to avoid the head-shaking those clubs endured after being eliminated in seven games, the story line must change quickly Monday.

It will be one of the hottest tickets at the Garden in years, but the Rangers' first trip to the finals in two decades could be over in a hurry if their finishes don't soon match their beginnings.

"It's hockey. It's not always fair," forward Chris Kreider said.

The Rangers have jumped to 2-0 leads in the first period in each game, but Los Angeles never gives up or gives in. New York was 10-0



Los Angeles Kings right wing Dustin Brown, center, celebrates after scoring the game-winning goal, along with center Anze Kopitar, second from left, of Slovenia, and defenseman Willie Mitchell, right, as New York Rangers center Brad Richards, left, lies on the ice and Martin St. Louis (26) watches during the second overtime period in Game 2 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals, Saturday, June 7, 2014, in Los Angeles. The Kings won 5-4.

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in these playoffs when entering the third with a lead. The Kings changed that Saturday when they turned a 4-2 deficit into a tie and then won 10:26 into double overtime.

"I think everyone was done with the game this morning. It's all about the next game," Zuccarello said. "Most important thing is to look forward."

The Kings are opportunistic, and they used a favorable non-call to spark their Game 2 comeback.

The Rangers balked loudly at Dwight King's goal that made it 4-3 at 1:58, claiming it shouldn't have counted because King prevented goalie Henrik Lundqvist from making a save. New York was penalized for goalie interference earlier when the puck wasn't in the area of Jonathan

Quick's crease.

King was struck by Matt Greene's hard drive that found the net and fell onto Lundqvist. Los Angeles gained momentum, tied it on former Rangers forward Marian Gaborik's NHL-leading 13th goal of the playoffs, and claimed its 2-0 series edge on captain Dustin Brown's tally.

The Kings have won three straight in overtime without leading in any before the end, and trailing by two goals in each. Los Angeles has been outscored 4-1 in the first period by the Rangers, but the Kings have a 7-2 edge the rest of the way.

"I played some overtime, long overtime before, but obviously three in a row, that's pretty tough," Gaborik said Sunday. "We have to correct a lot of things in our game. It's

tough sport to begin with. To play this many periods the last three games, it's a lot of hockey."

"Everyone is going to find energy tomorrow, and we'll be ready to go."

Despite the success, Los Angeles is leery about its slow starts and how long it can count on comebacks. Though the Kings have done it at home and on the road, they are aware they are pushing their luck as they try to win the Stanley Cup for the second time in three years.

The Kings lost three straight to Anaheim after taking a 2-0 lead, and then won Games 6 and 7 to advance to the Western Conference finals.

"Momentum is a huge part of playoff hockey," King said. "Once a team has it."



Tony Thomas, second from left, son of the late entertainer Danny Thomas, presents Ben Crane with his winner's jacket following the final round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament Sunday, June 8, 2014, in Memphis, Tenn. Crane won the tournament with a score of 10-under 270.

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Ben Crane wins St. Jude Classic for 5th PGA title

AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— Ben Crane won the St. Jude Classic on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title since 2011, closing with a 3-over 73 for a one-stroke victory. Crane went wire to wire for his fifth career victory. He played 30 holes on the last day because of rain delays at TPC Southwind, finishing the final 12 holes of his third-round 69 in the morning to take a three-shots lead into the final round.

He two-putted for bogey on the final hole to finish at 10-under 270.

Troy Merritt was second after a 71. Webb Simpson (65), Matt Every (70) and Carl Pettersson (69) were 8 under, and Ian Poulter had a 64 to tie for sixth at 7 under.

Phil Mickelson, among those tuning up for the U.S. Open at Pinehurst, left winless in his 20th event since the British Open. He tied for 11th at 6 under after a 72. Consecutive birdies on Nos. 11 and 12 put Mickelson at 8 under. But he bogeyed the next two, including the par-3 14th where he hit a 7-iron into the water in front

of the green. He still finished much better than his tie for 49th at Memorial last week after an early visit from FBI agents and lingering questions about an insider-trading investigation.

"The way I drove the ball last two rounds I had an opportunity to shoot really low," Mickelson said. "My iron play was poor, and my putting was pathetic. I'll have to make some changes and to get ready for next week. But the game is not far off because I'm driving the ball very well and putting it in play."

Wind, thunderstorms, lightning and fog have delayed play each of the first three days. With more storms forecast, players started the final round almost immediately after concluding the third. They finished without single delay Sunday as the sun even came out as this tournament finished its 57th year without being shortened because of weather.

Crane opened with a 63 on Thursday and used strong putting and few mistakes to keep the lead. He had three bogeys in the final

round, one more than he had through 54 holes.

He finished his third round, then hustled over to the No. 1 tee to start the final round. He cruised along before two-putting for bogey on No. 6, dropping his lead to two strokes over Brian Harman and Merritt. Crane bogeyed No. 9 after hitting his tee shot into the rough. He couldn't clear the rough with his next shot, and his third bounced to the rough behind the green.

Nobody chased Crane down.

Merritt was the closest, within a stroke for six holes before putting his tee shot on the par-4 15th into the rough. He couldn't roll the ball in from 15 feet to save par. That dropped him to 9 under, giving Crane more breathing room.

Crane strung together eight straight pars before going to the par-4 No. 18 with a two-stroke lead needing to avoid the water down the left side of the fairway. He did, though he did find the greenside bunker. Crane two-putted from 12 feet for the win. He earned \$1,044,000. □

Inbee Park wins LPGA Manulife Financial Classic



Inbee Park kisses the trophy after winning the Manulife Financial LPGA Classic golf tournament Sunday, June 8, 2014 in Waterloo, Ontario.

Associated Press.

WATERLOO, Ontario (AP)

— A week after losing the No. 1 ranking, Inbee Park found her putting touch.

Park won the Manulife Financial Classic on Sunday for her first LPGA Tour title in more than 11 months, matching the course record with a 10-under 61 for a three-stroke victory over Cristie Kerr.

"Definitely, the putter is definitely the key," Park said. "I've been hitting the ball consistently all year, just my putter's just not been wanting to do its job. This week, obviously, it did its job."

Park finished at 23-under 261 at Grey Silo for her 10th tour title and first since the U.S. Women's Open. Last week, Park's 59-week run at No. 1 ended when Stacy Lewis won in New Jersey to take the top spot.

"I've got to say, definitely a little bit pressure off of me," Park said. "At the same time, I think I needed a little bit of motivation. I just didn't have any win after the U.S. Open. I was playing good but not great. So yeah, I think last week was a very good motivation and inspiration for me. So this week, I thought I needed to step it up a little bit." The 25-year-old South Korean player had only one

bogey in 72 holes — on the fourth hole in the first round. On Sunday, she played the front nine in 5-under 31 and added birdies on Nos. 10, 12-14 and 18.

"I didn't really think about the 59," Park said. "All I thought about was just trying to bring that trophy home. I knew there was a lot of birdies and the way I played today everything seemed like it was trying to go in. Even if I didn't make it, it was still close. It's the first time I putted really well in a while, so I was really happy that my putter's finally back."

Park ended a 20-event tour winless streak. Last year, she swept the first three majors and finished the season with six victories. She also won a Ladies European Tour event three months ago in China.

After a week off, the tour will resume play June 19-22 with the U.S. Women's Open at Pinehurst.

"Obviously, with the U.S. Open in two weeks, I think is a great confidence boost," Park said. "I think it's great timing."

Kerr finished with a 63.

"I never looked at the scoreboard until I came off 17, with a reachable par 5 to see where I was," Kerr said. "I was three back and I was stunned because I was 7 under for the day. You'd think you'd be close. "But it was great, a great week. I did great with my focus. I played great. I can't complain."

China's Shanshan Feng, two strokes ahead of Park and Michelle Wie entering the round, had a 68 to finish third at 18 under.

Lydia Ko and Belen Mozo tied for fourth at 16 under. The 17-year-old Ko closed with a 66, and Mozo shot 65.

Lewis and Wie followed at 15 under. Lewis had a 63, and Wie shot 69.

"I just wanted to play well," said Lewis, the winner last week in New Jersey. □

Vodafone report sparks global surveillance debate

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Telecommunications company Vodafone's report on government surveillance of its customers in 29 countries reveals more than first meets the eye — and is raising questions from Dublin to Delhi about how much spying on email and telephone chats happens in secret.

In Friday's report Vodafone said most countries required the company's knowledge and cooperation to hear phone calls or see emails, but at least six governments have given their security agencies the power of direct access.

Vodafone didn't identify the countries that have tapped into its network, but the report provided some clues. An 88-page appendix reveals that five countries — Albania, Egypt, Hungary, Ireland and Qatar — have provisions that allow authorities to demand unfettered access.

In vague language, the report also indicated similar powers could exist in India and the United Kingdom, too.

In too many cases, Vodafone said, governments kept both the company and wider society in the dark about what was happening, with laws explicitly forbidding government disclosure of any details of its electronic eavesdropping. Ireland, a European hub for many social media and communications companies, refused to tell Vodafone anything about how its national police accessed its wireless and internet services. The Irish situation is muddled further by the fact that its laws on the subject date to 1983 and 1993, when mobile and email communication were still in their infancy.

The Irish government defends the need for electronic surveillance to combat Irish Republican Army factions and Ireland's criminal underworld. But Ireland's civil liberties watchdog accused the government of legal laziness over the past two decades of

telecommunications innovation.

"Our interception laws were drafted in a pre-digital age and are plainly no longer fit for purpose," said Mark Kelly, director of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties.

Kelly said he has asked the government to confirm whether it operates "direct access pipes into the networks of telecoms operators." Other European countries are far more open. In Germany, for example, the government publishes annual statistics. In 2012, the most recent year of disclosure, Germany said it made 18,026 requests to phone companies to hear 23,687 calls.

Wiretapping of phones and accessing of call records for law-enforcement purposes is a decades-old and accepted practice even in the most open democracies. With backing from courts, police can request cooperation from phone companies to access communications.

But in developing countries such as Congo, Ghana and Lesotho, Vodafone said it cannot support wiretapping, because governments haven't requested the technology.

By publishing its report, and highlighting its efforts to seek explanations from governments, Vodafone is entering the international debate about balancing the rights of privacy against security. Rather than being stuck with responsibility and backlash when citizens realize their data has been scooped up without their permission, Vodafone is pushing for a debate.

"The government always argues that they have to weigh freedom and security, and security always overrides freedom," said Gautam Navlakha, an activist in India for the Delhi-based People's Union for Democratic Rights.

Navlakha said India's government tapped the lines of every phone company in the country and used the power to gain information in a society where "everything leaks."



In this Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 file photo, people walk by a Vodafone branch in central London. Vodafone, one of the world's largest cellphone companies, on Friday, June 6, 2014 revealed the scope of government snooping into phone networks, saying authorities in some countries are able to directly access an operator's network without seeking permission.

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Vodafone's report comes one year after former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden revealed that U.S. and other countries' intelligence agencies indiscriminately gathered and stored data from phone calls and Internet communications.

Norway's Telenor Group, which operates across Eastern Europe and Asia, backed Vodafone's report, noting governments have the ultimate responsibility

to act.

Several Silicon Valley companies have attempted to restore consumers' trust by publishing data on electronic spying and raising pressure on President Barack Obama to curb the U.S. government's Internet-based surveillance programs.

Twitter Inc., LinkedIn Corp., AOL Inc., Google Inc., Apple Inc., Yahoo Inc., Facebook Inc. and Microsoft Corp. are pushing for tight-

er controls over electronic espionage in hopes of protecting their industry's livelihood.

The companies are also encrypting emails and other personal information transmitted across their services to make the data more difficult if it's intercepted by government spies.

"Companies are recognizing they have a responsibility to disclose government access," said Daniel Castro. □

Nevada high-tech firm wins \$10.7M in patent case

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A Nevada company that makes equipment to manage power supplies for computer data centers has won a \$10.7 million judgment in a 7-year-old patent infringement case.

A federal jury awarded the money to Reno-based Server Technology Inc. in a lawsuit against American Power Conversion Corp., a subsidiary of France-based Schneider Electric SA.

The jury reached its verdict last week after a two-week trial in Reno before U.S. District Judge Larry Hicks.

Brandon Ewing, CEO of the privately owned Server Technology, said the competitor copied his compa-

ny's patent for computer data power distribution devices. He said his company's products are used by major companies including Facebook as well as government entities.

"We live and die by differentiating ourselves in the marketplace. It's a big deal," Ewing told the Reno Gazette-Journal (<http://tinyurl.com/ld342x7>).

Elizabeth deCastro, a spokeswoman for Schneider Electric's North America office in Rhode Island, said the company is considering an appeal.

The patents involve Server Technology's vertical-mount electrical power distribution plugstrip, typically

four to five feet in length, and its power distribution device with a digital current display.

Server Technology filed its original complaint in late 2006. The jury decision found American Power Conversion's AP7900 series and AP8900 series vertical power distribution units infringed on both of Server Technology's patents.

Ewing and his father, Carrel, co-founded Server Technology in California's Silicon Valley 30 years ago and moved to Reno in 2000. Ewing said they arrived with 25 employees, and now have 150 workers at its manufacturing facilities in south Reno. □

Adidas and Nike jostle for edge at the World Cup

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AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The competition on the pitch has yet to start, but the fight over World Cup consumers is already intense — and no more so than between the athletic companies that are jockeying for their once-every-four-years shot at the ever-growing world-wide soccer market.

The players, their boots and kits will be on display for billions across the globe over a monthlong window starting next week. Nike wants to make sure fans notice the swoosh. Adidas? Those three stripes. For Puma it's that leaping cat.

"It's the World Cup. It's do or die. Win or go home," said adidas merchandise manager Peter Hong, alluding to more than the on-field competition in Brazil. The result is going to be an all-out blitz of advertising, social media, personalities and product that goes far beyond simply selling jerseys and cleats.

Nike is betting on its stable of stars and a good showing by Brazil. Adidas has the tradition, and they are the official World Cup sponsor through 2030. Puma wants you to remember the boots themselves, putting players on the pitch with different colors on each foot. Nike is the world's top athletic footwear, apparel and equipment company, but second-ranked adidas has always held tightly to



In this May 28, 2014 photo, Peter Hong, merchandise manager for adidas, poses with the company's Battle Pack collection of soccer boots and the Brazuca, the official ball of the 2014 World Cup, at the company's headquarters in Portland, Ore.

Associated Press



In this June 7, 2014 photo, Spain's Cesc Fabregas wears his new Puma cleats during the first half of an exhibition soccer game against El Salvador in Landover, Md.

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the overall soccer market. In recent years Oregon-based Nike has unabashedly challenged its German rival in the sector and hit nearly \$2 billion in soccer-related sales last year. Adidas' sales last year were

estimated at about \$2.4 billion, but the company is already experiencing a World Cup bump that the company hopes will push it to a record \$2.8 billion. Soccer has always been adidas' baby: Founder Adi



In this June 7, 2014 photo, Spain's Andres Iniesta is seen wearing his Nike Magista cleats after the playing of the national anthems during an exhibition soccer game against El Salvador, in Landover, Md.

Associated Press

Dassler made the company's first pair of soccer boots in 1925.

As World Cup sponsors, adidas has designed the ball for each one of the tournaments since 1970. This year's multicolored edition is called Brazuca — which, according to adidas, has already well surpassed sales of the Jabulani ball from the last World Cup by 30 percent.

"This is where we put our stake in the ground and prove our domination in the market," said Ernesto Bruce, director of soccer for adidas America.

Nike only entered the soccer market in 1994. The company has become increasingly adept at getting its name out there without being an official sponsor. Its latest campaign focuses on stars — most notably Cristiano Ronaldo — without ever mentioning the

words "World Cup."

"Although we're not a sponsor of the World Cup itself, we connect where it matters — by partnering with clubs, federations, and elite and everyday players," said Nike's Dermott Clearly, global vice president and general manager for soccer. "Ten teams at the tournament will wear Nike on the pitch in Brazil, including the hosts, along with hundreds of the players who will wear Nike boots. We're confident we will stand out on and off pitch better than any other brand."

Ronaldo is considered the most marketable soccer player in the world, according to sports marketing research firm Repucom. Globally, he has an astounding 83.87 percent name recognition. Lionel Messi, who is sponsored by adidas, is No. 2.



A truck loaded with containers leaves a port in Qingdao in east China's Shandong province Sunday, June 8, 2014.

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China says its export growth accelerated in May but imports dipped in a mixed sign for

the world's second-biggest economy.

Data released by the General Administration of Customs

Chinese exports rise 7 percent, imports slip

toms on Sunday showed exports rose 7 percent in dollar terms, up from a 0.9 percent increase in April and rather large slump in February and March.

Imports declined 1.6 percent in May after inching up 0.8 percent in April.

Private sector analysts say the Chinese economy will likely slow down as the impact of mini-stimulus efforts fade. Economic growth eased to 7.4 percent in the

first quarter from the previous quarter's 7.5 percent. Stronger global demand for Chinese goods could help offset domestic weakness, reducing concern about politically volatile job losses in export-driven manufacturing. Communist leaders are trying to reduce reliance on trade and investment by encouraging domestic consumption. But their plans are based on a forecast of 7.5 percent

growth in total trade, while exports have shrunk 0.4 percent for the first five months of the year and imports are up 0.8 percent. Exports for the month of May came to \$195.47 billion while imports totaled \$159.55 billion, giving China a trade surplus of \$35.9 billion.

The surplus with the United States was \$21.2 billion while that with the 27-nation European Union was \$9.3 billion.

U.S. job market recovers losses yet appears weaker

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy has finally regained the jobs lost to the Great Recession. But go easy on the hallelujahs. The comeback is far from complete. Friday's report from the government revealed an economy healing yet marked by deep and lasting scars. The downturn that began 6½ years ago accelerated wrenching changes that have left many Americans feeling worse off than they did the last time the economy had roughly the same number of jobs it does now. Employers added 217,000 workers in May, more than enough to surpass the 138.4 million jobs that existed when the recession began in December 2007. But even as the unemployment rate has slipped to 6.3 percent from 10 percent at the depth of the recession, the economy still lacks its former firepower.

To many economists, the job figures are both proof of the sustained recovery and evidence of a painful transformation in how Americans earn a living. "The labor market recovery has been disappointing," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services. "Even with the new peak, there is still a great deal of slack." There are still 1.49 million construction jobs missing. Factories have 1.65 million fewer workers. Many of these jobs have been permanently replaced by new technologies: robots, software and advanced equipment that speeds productivity and requires less manpower, said Patrick O'Keefe, director of economic research for the advisory and consulting firm CohnReznick. "When heavy things need to be moved, we now have machines to do it," O'Keefe said. "It is unlikely in the manufacturing sector that we recover much



In this May 8, 2013 file photo, Jeff Caldwell, 29, a chassis assembly line supervisor, checks a vehicle on the assembly line at the Chrysler Jefferson North Assembly plant in Detroit. The U.S. economy finally regained the jobs lost during the Great Recession, but the comeback is far from complete.

Associated Press

of the losses." Government payrolls have shrunk, taking middle class pay with them. Lo-

cal school districts have 255,400 fewer employees. The U.S. Postal Service has shed 194,700 employees. And during the economic recovery, more people have left the job market than entered it. Just 58.9 percent of working-age Americans have jobs, down from 62.7 percent at the start of the recession. Some of that decline comes from an aging country in which more people are retiring. But the share of working adults among the overall population is "still bouncing around at the bottom where it was during the worst of the recession" — evidence that meaningful wage gains across the economy are unlikely, O'Keefe said.

The recovery hasn't kept up with the expanding U.S. population. Researchers at the liberal Economic Policy Institute estimate that 7 million more jobs would have been needed to keep up with population growth. The pain has been concentrated largely among lower- and middle-income workers, according to an analysis by the institute. For the bottom 30 percent of earners, wages, when adjusted for inflation, have fallen over the past 14

years. For the next 40 percent of earners, pay basically flatlined. Most U.S. workers are "running up the down escalator," said Larry Mishel, the institute's president. Median household income is \$52,959, which, after inflation, is \$3,303 below its pre-recession level, according to Sentier Research.

Three generally low-paying industries account for more than one-third of the job gains in the recovery: restaurants and bars; temporary staffing; and retail, according to research by the National Employment Law Project. Pay in these sectors averages under \$13.34 an hour.

Mike Evangelist, a policy analyst at NELP, said the nation's evolution away from goods production to a more service-oriented economy has slowed hiring in many mid- and higher-paying sectors. The weak job gains in those sectors have slowed overall pay growth, giving consumers less money to spend and depriving the recovery of its usual vigor.

Relative to much of Europe and Japan, lower-wage jobs have accounted for much of the job growth in the United States.

Gap to be 1st U.S. retailer to enter Myanmar market

YANGON, Myanmar
(AP) — Gap Inc. has announced plans to produce clothing in Myanmar, the first American retailer to enter the market since the Southeast Asian country began its transition to democracy three years ago. Two factories in the commercial capital, Yangon, are reportedly producing vests and jackets for the company's Old Navy and Banana Republic brands. They will be ready for sale in the U.S. by this summer, according to a statement released Saturday by the U.S. Embassy.

While Asian nations have long had a strong presence in Myanmar, it's only in the last few years that companies from North America and Europe have started returning, thanks to the easing of sanctions imposed on the country during its half-century of military rule.



In this Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013, file photo, a shopper walks down the steps at a Gap store in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

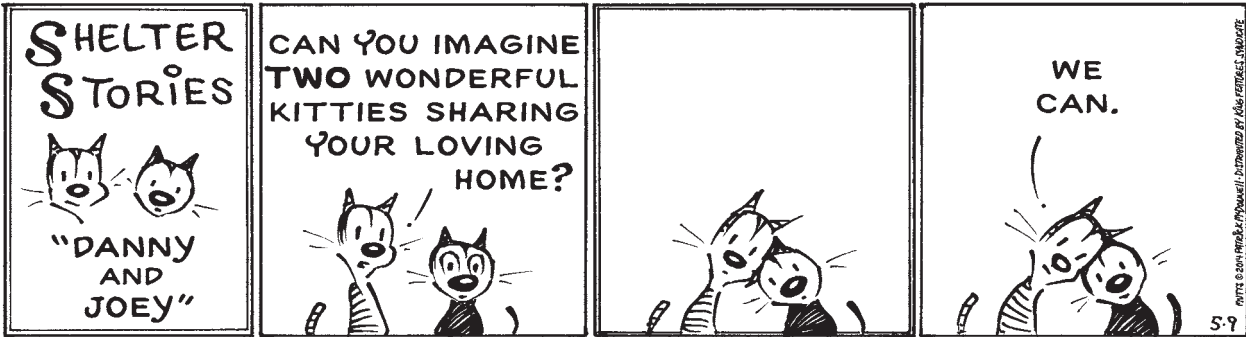
There are plenty of obstacles in Myanmar, including electricity shortages and poor roads.

But a cheap and abundant — though poorly trained — labor force makes the country especially attractive to retailers.

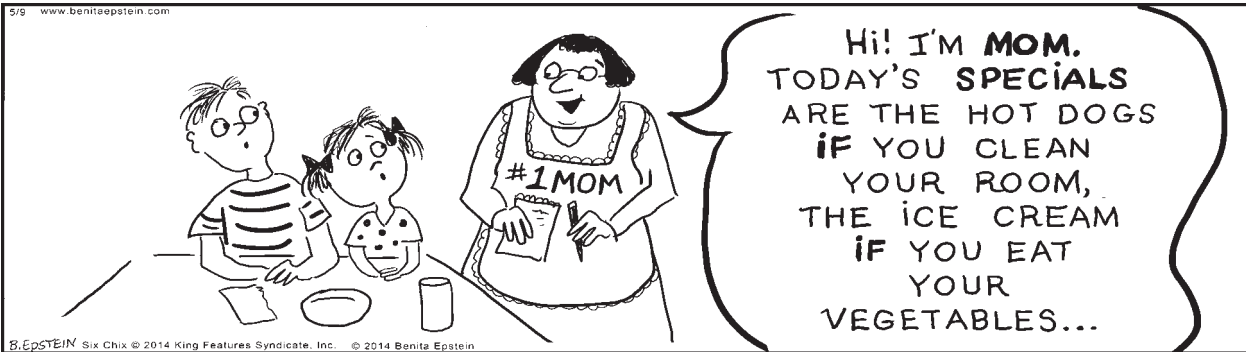
"This is a historic moment for Myanmar," Wilma Wal-

lace, a Gap vice president, said at a ceremony attended by the U.S. ambassador. "By entering Myanmar, we hope to help accelerate economic and social growth in the country, and build on our track record of improving working conditions and building local capacity in garment factories around the world."

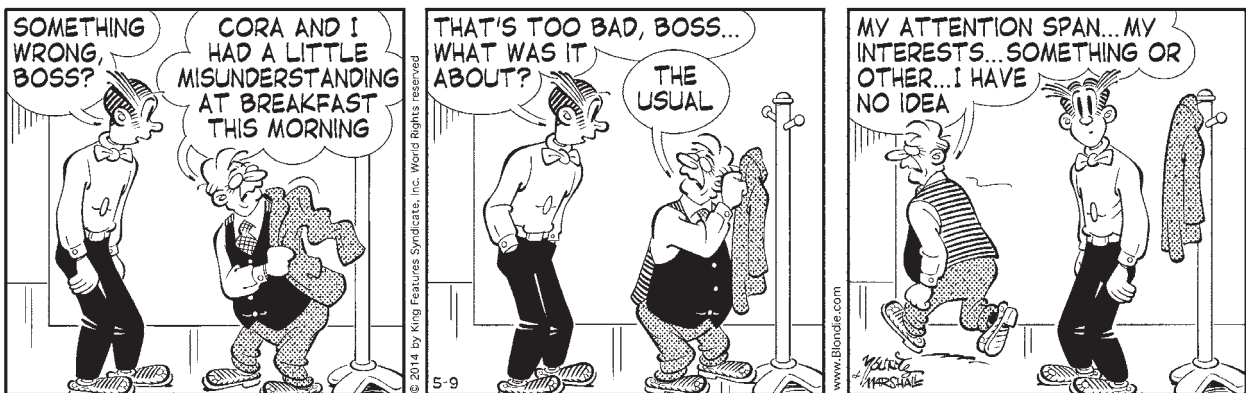
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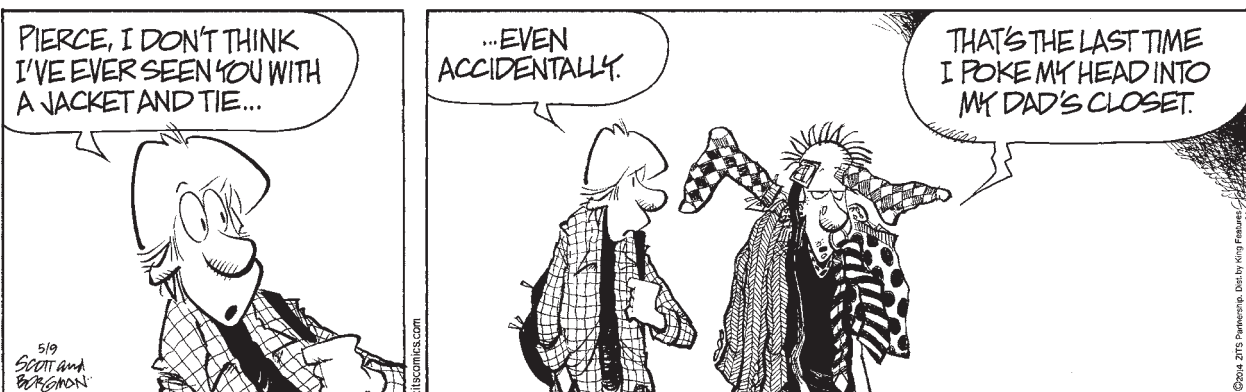
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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6 ___ up; makes sense
10 ___ off; severs
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15 Sea World performer
16 Help when you shouldn't
17 ___ away; dismisses
18 Casino game
19 "The ___ Ranger"
20 Highly respected
22 Lubricate
24 Once more
25 Walk leisurely
26 Slender
29 Possessed
30 Salary
31 Put on, as a theater act
33 ___ Duck
37 On ___ own; independent
39 More tender to the touch
41 Actor's part
42 Examinations
44 Fight off
46 Truly, in the bible
47 Underground plant parts
49 Not as sick as previously
51 Covered porch
54 Trait transmitter
55 ___ a wrong; get even
56 Result of a high fever, perhaps
60 ___-back; relaxed
61 Actress Rue
63 Uneven
64 Fringe's place
65 ___ on; incite
66 Memos
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68 Upper limbs
69 Garbage

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Company creates blanket for tornado protection

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) —

An Oklahoma company has created a protective blanket that developers say could give children a better chance of surviving debris from a tornado — or bullets from a 9 mm handgun.

The Bodyguard Blanket, made by ProTecht, is a bulletproof pad designed to protect students during disasters at school. The 5/16-inch (0.8-centimeter) thick rectangle features backpack-like straps that allow users to put it on, and then duck and cover.

Steve Walker developed the pad, The Oklahoman newspaper reported. Walker started on the idea after a massive tornado struck last year in Moore, Oklahoma, killing 24 people including seven children inside an elementary school that didn't have a tornado shelter.

"We're trying to stop that blunt-force trauma when that rubble is falling down on a child, for instance," said Walker, a podiatrist from Edmond.

He gave a sketch of the protective blanket to Stan Schone, an inventor and one of his patients, during an appointment. The two form half of the executive team at ProTecht.

Hanan is an associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa. He introduced the team to Dyneema, a high-density plastic used for ballistic armor that is lighter than Kevlar.

The new material also protects against nails, shards of metal and other sharp objects.

"Instead of bending over and hoping for the best, they're afforded an extra layer of protection," Schone said.

At \$1,000 per blanket, he and others with the company say buying one per student would be less expensive than building tornado shelters.

"By no means would we ever say that this is more protective," Walker said. "But when you have budget constraints, this might be a viable alternative."



In this May 23, 2013 file photo, debris is strewn about amid the wreckage Plaza Towers Elementary, where seven children were killed earlier in the week when a tornado hit Moore, Okla.

The Associated Press

ProTecht took a finished blanket to a shooting range and had it subjected to a National Institute of Justice Class 3A test, which is used

to test body armor for police units. The classification implies protection against various projectiles, including 9 mm and .22-caliber

bullets. It passed, Schone said.

The blanket has been in production for about 10 months, and the team started marketing it about a week ago, he said.

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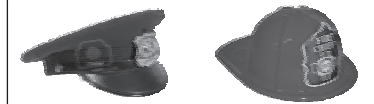
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Dozens of new flora, fauna species in Myanmar



TOP LEFT: This undated photo taken by Australian Museum and released by the World Wildlife Fund, shows the Helen's giant green flying frog, found just 100 kilometers (60 miles) from Ho Chi Minh City. ABOVE : This undated photo taken by Birdtour Asia and released by the World Wildlife Fund, shows the Cambodian tailorbird. BOTTOM LEFT: This undated photo taken by Senckenberg Research Institute Frankfurt and released by the World Wildlife Fund, shows a blind huntsman spider.

Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)

— A dragon fish with intricate, maze-like markings on every scale, a frog with rough, chocolate-colored skin and a ginger plant are among more than two dozen flora and fauna species found in Myanmar since it emerged from a half-century of military rule and isolation.

The World Wildlife Fund said Thursday the discoveries by global scientists in the last two years highlight the need to invest in conservation as the biologically diverse nation of 60

million revs up its economic engines and opens up to foreign investment.

Already, it is starting to succumb to many of the pressures felt by neighbors in Southeast Asia, from deforestation and illegal wildlife trade to mining and the development of hydropower.

The 26 plants and animals newly identified in Myanmar include a species of dragon fish, which are hugely popular in the Asian aquatic world. The so-called "scribbled arowana," is creating a

buzz on the aquarium fish blogosphere because of its unheard-of complex, maze-like markings on every individual scale.

Previously unidentified by scientists, a ginger plant collected from a single region in the cloud forests of the western state of Rakhine had been hiding in plain sight at local markets, WWF said. And a chocolate-spotted frog, a member of the Amolops family, was discovered in a mountain range that stretches along Myanmar's western border and India.

Win Myo Thu, co-founder of the local environmental group EcoDev, believes scientists have only scraped the surface of what is yet to be discovered in his country.

In part because Myanmar was cut off from the rest of the world for such a long

time, limiting the ability to carry out a proper inventory, "there is a huge, huge knowledge gap," he said. "The more research that is done, the more species we are going to find."

He too worries about the impact economic development will have on the country's "biotreasures." "Unfortunately, no one is paying attention to protecting biodiversity," he said. "They say OK, we will do this or that, but on ground it's an entirely different story."

Many of the national parks are protected, but only on paper.

The WWF said some of the more remarkable and charismatic discoveries made in 2012-13 elsewhere in the Mekong Delta region of Southeast Asia included: — The Cambodian tailorbird — a small, dark war-

bler with an orange-red tuft on its head discovered, surprisingly, in that country's capital, Phnom Penh, during spot checks for the avian flu.

— A giant flying squirrel, its fur red and white, spotted initially by scientists at a bush meat market in Laos. In the same country, they found a species of huntsman spider, the first of its kind in the world without any eyes, something scientists say is attributable to living permanently without daylight.

— In Vietnam, a tiny, almost transparent fish that mates head-to-head, its sex organs just behind its mouth. Scientists also found the Helen's flying frog, just 100 kilometers (60 miles) from Ho Chi Minh City, which glides between treetops using its large, webbed hands and feet. □

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Last stop, Texas, for country star George Strait

EMILY SCHMALL
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) —

Country music king George Strait capped off the last tour of his career with an epic, star-studded final performance at the billion-dollar stadium where the Dallas Cowboys play, dazzling an audience of nearly 105,000 people with duet after duet with some of the biggest names in country music.

The attendance shattered the previous record set by The Rolling Stones at The Louisiana Superdome in 1981. More than 10,000 fans alone took in the three-hour show from the stadium floor.

"Oh, man. I tell you what. This is too much fun," Strait said.

Known for his honky-tonk style, classic interpretation of Western swing and Texas cowboy get-up, Strait is the undisputed patriarch of a generation of country music stars, none of whom left the stage Saturday without paying homage to or receiving a hug from the country music legend.

"In the early '80s when I was a young man in Georgia, I was a big fan of 'Unwound,'" Alan Jackson said of the 1981 hit that propelled Strait to stardom. "You're the reason I came to Nashville, Tennessee. God bless you."

Jason Aldean credited Strait as "not only a huge influence for me but everyone else in Nashville."

After Martina McBride joined Strait to sing "Jackson," the country classic made famous by the Johnny Cash-June Carter rendition, she remarked on the fun the two had on tour together in 2011 and 2012.

Kenny Chesney called the two years he spent on the road with Strait early in his career "the most educational" in his touring life.

Strait's son, Bubba, a pro team roper on the rodeo circuit, even joined his dad on stage to perform his songwriting debut, "Arkansas Dave."

The unusually chatty Strait appeared to bask in the

enormous crowd of fans, standing at their seats, swaying and singing along, regularly raising his arms like a band conductor to raise the volume.

"That's what I'm going to miss the most right there, I tell you what. Thank you so much," he said.

Strait, 62, is also beloved by his legions of fans for his gracious, everyman demeanor, which was in ample display Saturday.

During the second half of the show, he played the 2011 hit "I'll Always Remember You," which he said was inspired by his fans.

"When I take the stage for the last time, you won't be far away," he said, inspiring some enthusiastic female fans to tear up.

"Damn, I'm so lucky," Strait said so many times, it became almost a refrain.

All of Strait's guest stars returned to the stage for an encore.

The show brought an end to Strait's nearly 40 years on the road, starting in 1975 with the Ace in the Hole Band. Many of the 11-piece band's original members played back up Saturday, "the best band anybody could have out here on the road," Strait said.

Born in Poteet and raised in Pearsall, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) southwest of San Antonio, Strait has more gold and platinum albums than any other music act except The Beatles and Elvis Presley.

And while he's quitting the road, Strait may yet add to his chart-topping total after renewing his deal with MCA Records last year to produce five more albums. He has said he will continue to play the occasional gig. Strait began this last tour, The Cowboy Rides Away, last year. Each of the 45 stadiums and arenas he's played in 31 states has sold out. He's performed for an estimated 1 million fans.

As he sang the tour's eponymous song at the end of the set, fans waved, cheered and did the two-step. And the cowboy rode away. □



George Strait performs during his farewell tour at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, Saturday, June 7, 2014. About 105,000 people packed in for the last concert of Strait's final tour — exceeding the stadium's official capacity by 5,000 — and shattering the previous record set by The Rolling Stones at The Louisiana Superdome in 1981. Associated Press

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In this May 18, 2014 file photo, Jennifer Lopez performs on stage at the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. Associated Press

JLo won't perform in World Cup opener in Brazil

SAO PAULO (AP) — Jennifer Lopez won't perform the World Cup's official song alongside fellow artists Pitbull and Claudia Leitte during the tournament's opening ceremony in Brazil, FIFA officials said Sunday. Soccer's governing body said Lopez cannot perform at Thursday's event as earlier planned because of unspecified "production issues."

The singer's representatives didn't explain the reason why Lopez wouldn't be joining the act. They only confirmed the announcement in an emailed response, saying "regretfully Jennifer Lopez will not be

attending this year's World Cup opening ceremonies." FIFA said in a news release that Cuban-American rapper Pitbull and Brazilian singer Claudia Leitte will sing the official tune "We Are One" before Brazil takes on Croatia at Thursday's opening game in Sao Paulo.

The song has let down many Brazilians who complain that it sounds too generic for the nation's Bossa Nova-crazed audiences and that it features foreign musicians singing mostly in English and Spanish. Leitte sings only a few seconds at the end of the song in her native Portuguese. □

Alec Baldwin accepts key to city for donation

CENTRAL FALLS, Rhode Island (AP) — Actor Alec Baldwin has received the key to Rhode Island's smallest city for his donations to help reopen the financially struggling city's library. Baldwin donated \$10,000 to the Adams Memorial Library in Central Falls in 2011 after he read a New York Times story about how it was forced to close because of financial problems. He gave another \$5,000 in 2012. The 1-square-mile (2.6-square-kilometer) city emerged from bankruptcy that year. Baldwin's visit Saturday



In this Nov. 12, 2013, file photo, actor Alec Baldwin leaves criminal court in New York. Associated Press

was his first to the library. Library director Joel Pettit says Baldwin accepted the key from the mayor on the library steps. □

Actor: Studios set double standard for black films



This photo released by TNT shows Taye Diggs, right, and Kathleen Robertson, in a scene from "Murder in the First."

LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Taye Diggs says Hollywood studios hold African-American films to a frustratingly separate and unfair standard. Whether a studio decides to proceed with a black-oriented film can depend on the success of other

movies with primarily African-American casts, even if the projects are unconnected, said Diggs, who starred in "The Best Man" romantic comedy and its sequel. In a recent interview, the actor said he and others who worked on the "Best Man" movies are eager to start on a third. But its fate

is tied to how other black-oriented films, including the upcoming "Think Like a Man Too," perform at the box office, he said. "Unfortunately, the business is such that as far as studios are concerned, they judge one quote-unquote black movie on how other 'black' movies have done, even if they have nothing to do with each other," he said. That's "ridiculously" frustrating, said Diggs, 43, whose movie credits include "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" and "Rent." He stars in a new TNT drama, "Murder in the First." "We've definitely come a long way. But we've got a long way to go," he said. "It's too bad we can't do well on our own merit when it comes to the studios. They don't like to take risks and, unfortunately, we're still considered a huge risk, even though I don't think we are." □

Morgan recovering after surgery following crash



Actor Tracy Morgan attends the FX Networks Upfront premiere screening of "Fargo" at the SVA Theater in this April 9, 2014 file photo taken in New York. Associated Press

BRUCE SHIPKOWSKI
Associated Press
TRENTON, New Jersey (AP) — Tracy Morgan was recovering Sunday, but was expected to remain hospitalized for several weeks after having surgery on a broken leg suffered in a deadly chain-reaction

crash on the New Jersey Turnpike that left the actor-comedian and two others critically injured and another man dead. The 45-year-old Morgan, a former "Saturday Night Live" and "30 Rock" cast member, remained in critical condition but was "more responsive" Sunday after having surgery for a broken leg, said his spokesman Lewis Kay. Kay said that Morgan, who was airlifted to the hospital, also sustained a broken femur, broken nose and several broken ribs and is expected to remain hospitalized for "several weeks." He said that Morgan's family is "tremendously overwhelmed and appreciative of the outpouring of love and support from his fans." Wal-Mart truck driver from

Georgia was charged with death by auto and four counts of assault by auto. Authorities said 35-year-old Kevin Roper, of Jonesboro, apparently failed to slow for traffic ahead early Saturday in Cranbury Township and swerved at the last minute to avoid a crash. Instead, his big rig smashed into the back of Morgan's chauffeured Mercedes limo bus, killing comedian James "Jimmy Mack" McNair, authorities said. Also critically injured were Morgan's assistant, Jeffrey Millea, 36, of Shelton, Connecticut, and comedian Ardie Fuqua Jr., 43, of Jersey City, said Zenaida Mendez, a spokeswoman for Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick. Another passenger, comic Harris Stanton, was treated and released. □

Pot Rules



Maureen Dowd

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WASHINGTON - In the last chapter, I covered how not to get high. In this one, I will cover how to get high.

After my admission that I did a foolish thing in Denver - failing to realize that consuming a single square, about a quarter, of a pot candy bar was dicey for an edibles virgin - many in the pot industry upbraided me for doing a foolish thing.

But some in Mary Jane world have contacted me to say that my dysphoria (i.e., bummer) is happening more and more in Colorado.

Justin Hartfield is the California founder of Marijuana.com and Weedmaps.com (a sort of Yelp for pot), and an entrepreneur involved in some of the nation's top marijuana-technology companies. As The Wall Street Journal noted in a profile last March, the 30-year-old former high school pot dealer wants to be "the Philip Morris of pot."

"Your experience points out a significant need for standardized dosing, testing and labeling," he told me, recalling a similar vertiginous paranoia spiral when he and his wife split a pot brownie in Amsterdam in 2008.

On Friday, Marijuana.com launched an ongoing guide to "the best practices towards both consumption and sale of edibles." It urged every dispensary in Colorado and throughout America to follow Amsterdam's lead and put up signs warning about the dangers of oversampling psychotropic treats. (Other websites, from Vice to Vox, also weighed in with helpful safety tips on edibles.)

Hartfield said Weedmaps is providing pamphlets, posters and video to dispensaries and users, including an "Edibles Education" pamphlet with headings like "Start Small," "Wait" because edibles take two hours or longer to take effect, "Don't Mix" with alcohol or other substances, and keep "Out of Reach" of children. "Edibles are not the best delivery device in general for marijuana because it's notoriously hard to control the titration in your stomach," Hartfield said. "When you smoke it's so easy. You have a hit, it affects you immediately. Then you can decide to take another if you want to get higher. With edibles, it hits your stomach all at once, and holy Nelly!"

Some Colorado pols are nervous about stories like that of the Longmont mother who found her 2-year-old daughter eating a pot cookie in front of their apartment building and the two 10-year-olds

in Greeley who were caught selling and swapping pot purloined from relatives. (Not to mention the new British study suggesting there may be a correlation between smoking cannabis and a temporary change in the size and shape of sperm.)

"It's kind of shocking in a way that the states that approved it have not had more oversight and consumer information," said Jerome Groopman of Harvard Medical School, who favors legalization. "The horse is out of the barn, so to speak, and there's a responsibility to consumers and particularly young people. THC is a serious substance. It has increased by 5 to 15 times in today's plants compared to the 1960s. It's a long time since Upton Sinclair. Now consumers have to know: Is it pure? What is the concentration? What are the hazards?"

On Wednesday, the state task-force met to forge a rule denoting 10 milligrams as a serving, so that the dosage is clearly demarcated. And on Friday, Gov. John Hickenlooper signed legislation proposing a banking solution for the mainly cash pot business, but the Federal Reserve will need to sign off on it.

Because the Colorado law was approved by referendum, it's like a Wild West statute, where things are getting filled in underneath, with a haphazard application of the regulatory process.

"One major reason I got involved in the movement was so that consumers could have basic access to information about the products they're consuming, which was totally impossible under the prohibition that created the black market," said Tom Angell, the founder and chairman of Marijuana Majority. "So it's particularly disappointing to see that some companies in the legal marijuana industry - which our years of advocacy allowed to exist - are falling short of those principles. It seems basic labeling and consumer information hasn't been a chief priority, but hopefully now it's starting to change." He wants budtenders behind the counter to be trained so they can give customized guidance to customers of varying tolerance levels.

As the black market comes into the light, the hang-loose community can be uptight about any moves to regulate or put contours around the sale of pot to better protect neophytes, teenagers and children. Perhaps because they have spent so much time fighting to move past the old "Reefer Madness" caricature, the reefer crowd gets mad at the suggestion of any regulation, no matter how small or helpful. The clubby community that long existed in the shadows can have a countercultural reaction to rules.

Also, as one Colorado political aide pointed out: "There's so much money involved. This is a group of people who probably never thought about money, and now a lot of people just have dollar signs in their eyes." Laughing, he noted, "The weirdest thing in the world is to hear from an angry pothead who finishes a tirade about rules with 'dude.'" □



There Is No Alternative



Ross Douthat

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If the excerpts currently circulating in the press are any indication, Hillary Clinton's latest memoir will resemble pretty much every recent political memoir from a potential presidential candidate: That is, it will be chloroform in print.

Which no doubt troubles its "author" not at all. Clinton has every incentive to bore us, sedate us, lull us to sleep - to hit the snooze button, in effect, for as long as our politics makes possible. She is the rare presidential hopeful who has nothing whatsoever to gain from making news. Leading the Democratic presidential field by a Secretariat-esque margin; leading every potential Republican candidate by around 10 points; running far ahead of President Barack Obama's job approval numbers ... if she had her way, all the months from here till 2016 would be consumed by devouring time without anything altering her current image.

And her desire converges almost perfectly with the interests of her party, even if not every liberal quite realizes it yet. That's because Clinton's iconic status is, increasingly, the only clear advantage the Democratic Party has. If her position is weakened, diminished or challenged, the entire coalition risks collapse. Liberals don't see this clearly yet because they tend to regard the Obama coalition as a left-of-center mirror-image of Nixon's and Reagan's conservative

majority - a natural, settled and, thanks to demographic trends, growing presidential majority (if not a congressional one) that should deliver the White House to their party reliably for cycles to come.

Because of this confidence, many Democratic partisans assume that 2016 will inevitably be better for their party than the looming midterms, and many analysts assume that the Republican Party is a long, long way from mounting a substantive challenge to liberalism. My friends on the left have an extensive list of things that the right simply "must" do before the GOP can be relevant at the presidential level again (crush the Tea Party, then move left on immigration, then move left on everything else.), and they express a certain condescension toward the recent stirrings of conservative policy innovation: Nice effort, but you'll have to move a lot further in our direction if you expect to win the White House back.

But there's a big flaw in their historical analogy. Political skill builds majorities, but popular policy successes cement them - and that is what has consistently eluded Obama. He resembles Reagan when it comes to electoral-majority building, but he's a Reagan without the economic boom, without the foreign policy achievements and without the high approval ratings.

As Ramesh Ponnuru writes in the latest issue of National Review, while "the Democrats of the 1980s had to respond to a country that was largely happy with Republican governance and to specific conservative policy successes," today's electorate "is persistently unhappy" with the direction of the country, and "liberal policy successes are too hard to detect to be the basis for concessions" by the right. And liberalism's current forward-looking agenda, such as it is - immigration reform, climate-change regulations, some jaw-jaw about inequality - doesn't really align with those unhappy voters' immediate priorities.

Which means that Obama's coalition, while real enough, may not be durable - and that a Republican comeback at the presidential level might be more likely than many Democrats currently assume.

Especially since the liberal coalition's extraordinary diversity also offers many potential lines of fracture. To invoke an example from this year's grim centennial, the post-Obama Democratic Party could well be the Austro-Hungarian empire of presidential majorities: a sprawling, ramshackle and heterogeneous arrangement, one major crisis away from dissolution.

But this is where Hillary Clinton comes in. If her party is Austria-Hungary, she might be its Franz Josef - the beloved emperor whose imperial persona ("coffered up," the novelist Joseph Roth wrote, "in an icy and everlasting old age, like armour made of an awe-inspiring crystal"), as much as any specific political strategy, helped keep dissolution from the empire's door.

I really have no idea what proposals Clinton will run on, what arguments she'll make. But as with Franz Josef, it's not her policies that make her formidable; it's the multitudes that "Hillary" the brand and icon now contains. Academic liberalism and waitress-mom populism and Davos/Wall Street/Bloomberg centrism. Female empowerment and stand-by-your-man martyrdom. The old Clintonian bond with minority voters and her own 2008 primary-trail identification with Scots-Irish whites. And then the great trifecta: continuity with the Obama present, a restoration of the more prosperous Clintonian past and (as the first ... female ... president) a new "yes we can" progressive future.

Like the penultimate Hapsburg emperor with his motley empire, then, she has the potential to embody a political coalition - its identities and self-conceptions, its nostalgias and aspirations - in ways that might just keep the whole thing hanging together. But without her, the deluge. □

Miss Nevada Nia Sanchez crowned as 63rd Miss USA

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana (AP) — Miss Nevada Nia Sanchez, a fourth-degree black belt in the Korean martial art of taekwondo, was crowned Miss USA 2014 on Sunday night.

She beat out 50 other contestants from all the states and the District of Columbia for the title of 63rd Miss USA. First runner-up was Miss North Dakota Audra Mari. Erin Brady, of Connecticut, the 2013 winner, gave up her crown to Sanchez after a three-hour telecast from the Baton Rouge Civic Center in Louisiana.

Other runner-ups, judged on interviews, evening gowns and swimsuits were: home state beauty queen, Miss Louisiana Brittany Guidry; Miss Georgia Tiana Griggs, Miss Florida Brittany Oldehoff and Miss Iowa Carlyn Bradarich.

Bradarich got a second chance when the viewing audience gave her the most votes on Twitter in the pageant's first-ever "Save the Queen" option.

Sanchez will go on to represent the U.S. at the Miss Universe competition later this year.

In a vibrant red floor-length fishtail gown, Miss Nevada talked about the importance of women being able to defend themselves when asked a question



Miss Nevada USA Nia Sanchez is crowned Miss USA during the Miss USA 2014 pageant in Baton Rouge, La., Sunday, June 8, 2014.

Associated Press

about the high rate of sexual assaults on college campuses. Judge Rumer Willis, the 25-year-old daughter

of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, said 19 percent of U.S. undergraduate women are victims of sexual as-

sault and asked Sanchez why she thinks this is being swept under the rug and what should be done about it.

Sanchez said bringing awareness to the issue was important, as well as women taking it upon themselves to learn how to defend themselves.

The subject of sexual assault was also on the mind of Miss Pennsylvania Valerie Gatto. She made headlines this week when she said she was the product of rape. During a taped segment that aired when her name was called, Gatto said her mother was 19 when she was attacked leaving work in Pittsburgh and became pregnant.

Gatto said she is living proof "that your circumstances do not define your life." First runner-up Mari said she overcame being bullied in high school by competing in ice hockey. The Fargo, North Dakota, native wore a green floor-length evening gown and in her final interview talked about the importance of getting an education and going to college.

Contestants entered the stage on a glitzy float as Louisiana native singer-songwriter Marc Broussard sang the New Orleans hits "Iko Iko" and "Hey Pocky Way" to kick off the 2014

contest. The women introduced themselves while holding Mardi Gras masks in their hands as purple, green and gold confetti fell in the background.

The pageant also included musical acts by the country music duo Florida Georgia Line, rapper Nelly and Latin pop band Camila.

Celebrity judges walked a red carpet in evening gowns and tuxedos before the start of the show, posing for pictures and talking about the qualities they would be looking for in the beauty they crown the winner.

"It's very important that she has confidence," said Barbara Palacios, Miss Universe 1986 and a coach and judge for the new Telemundo reality show, "Miss Latina Universo." "The right attitude and perseverance are also very important."

"It's all about the eyes," said Lance Bass of the pop singing boy group NSYNC. "I just want to see a girl that is just really having a good time up there."

Others who walked the red carpet were former NBA star Karl Malone; actors Ian Ziering, Melissa Peterman and Rumer Willis; pageant show host Jeannie Mai; and Donald Trump, who owns the Miss Universe Organization, which includes the Miss USA pageant. □



Audra McDonald makes Tony Award history with win

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Audra McDonald has become the Tony Awards' most decorated actress.

The singer and actress on Sunday won her sixth Tony for portraying Billie Holiday in "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill," putting her ahead of five-time winners Angela Lansbury and the late Julie Harris for the most

competitive wins by an actress.

The latest win — for best lead actress in a play — also makes McDonald the first grand-slam performance winner. She previously won as best featured actress in a play ("A Raisin in the Sun" and "Master Class"), best lead actress in a musical ("The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess") and best featured actress in a musical ("Ragtime" and "Carousel"). She also has two Grammys.

She beat Tyne Daly, LaTanya Richardson Jackson, Cherry Jones and Estelle Parsons. □

This photo provided by Jeffrey Richards Associates shows Audra McDonald as Billie Holiday in "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill".

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